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The Bulls have been checking off a tourist's list of highlights while in Paris for today's game against the Detroit Pistons. But amid all that pageantry, there's still playoff jockeying on the line. **Chicago Sports**

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Abortion foes gird for DC march

Annual event is first since controversial ruling to reverse Roe

By David Crary
Associated Press

Anti-abortion activists will have multiple reasons to celebrate — and some reasons for unease — when they gather Friday in Washington for the annual March for Life.

The march, which includes a rally drawing abortion opponents from across the nation, has been held annually since January 1974 — a year after the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision established a nationwide right to abortion.

This year's gathering — 50 years after that decision — will be the first since the high court struck down Roe in a momentous ruling last June.

Since then, 12 Republican-governed states have implemented sweeping bans on abortion, and several others seek to do the same. But those moves have been offset by other developments. Abortion opponents were defeated in votes on ballot measures in Kansas, Michigan and Kentucky. State courts have blocked several bans from taking effect. And myriad efforts are underway to help women in abortion-ban states either get abortions out of state or use the abortion pill for self-managed abortions.

With numerous Democratic-governed states taking steps to protect and expand abortion access, National Right to Life Committee President Carol Tobias likened the current situation to the pre-Civil War era when the nation was closely divided between free states and slave states.

"I will not be surprised if we have something like that for a few years," she said. "But I do know that pro-lifers are not going to give up — it's a civil rights issue for us."

The theme for this year's March for Life is "Next Steps: Marching Forward into a Post-Roe America." Scheduled speakers include Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch, who won the Supreme Court case that overturned Roe.

The president of March for Life, Jeanne Mancini, depicted the June ruling as "a massive victory for the pro-life movement."

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Alderman blocks Norfolk Southern's Englewood yard expansion with delay on vote, says railroad didn't make good on pledges

'A disrespect to me and the community'

By Alice Yin and John Lippert
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago City Council ordinance to transfer a chunk of Englewood's roads to Norfolk Southern Railway was blocked Wednesday by the presiding alderman — the latest twist in the freight company's multiyear plan to double the size of one of its rail yards despite pushback from local residents.

Ald. Jeanette Taylor, 20th, and allies used a parliamentary tactic to defer the legislation that would allow the railroad to acquire the streets and alleys it doesn't already own between two existing sets of tracks from Garfield Boulevard south to 59th Street. She had dropped her opposition to a vote, until Wednesday.

This would have given the railroad leeway to expand its largest U.S. intermodal yard, which has its main entrance at 47th Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway. The lack of a signoff comes after Norfolk Southern acquired about 500 lots nearby in anticipation of City Council's land deal.

Taylor vows to get Norfolk to agree to community demands on jobs before the next council meeting: "It's just been a disrespect to me and the community. … Let's remember, this was the displacement of 400 families in a Black community. And since 2014, they've

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Ald. Jeanette Taylor, 20th, talks with reporters following the delayed vote concerning the Norfolk Southern Englewood rail yard expansion plan Wednesday. The freight company is looking to double the size of its rail yard, despite pushback from local residents. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

ELECTION 2023

Ads rack up for mayor

Lightfoot campaign spending outpaces cash she's raising

By Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has lost the financial advantage her campaign had over most opponents as her campaign spent twice as much as she raised during the last three months of 2022 while she launched expensive television ads aimed at rebuilding momentum in her bid for reelection.

With a little more than a month to go before the Feb. 28 mayoral election, the first-term mayor remains locked in a tight race against eight rivals looking to unseat her, several of whom now have nearly as much cash — or more — on hand to sell their messages to voters, according to newly filed campaign disclosure records.

Lightfoot began the quarter with $2.9 million in the bank and raised nearly $1.5 million between October and December of 2022. But during that same time frame, she spent roughly $3 million — $2 million of it on advertising, according to the filing with the Illinois State Board of Elections. She's raised another $109,000 since the beginning of the year, leaving her with about $1.5 million in the bank for the stretch run.

Several of the mayor's rivals have similar amounts of money on hand.

Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson raised more than any other candidate during the final quarter of the year — more than $1.8 million, much of it from progressives

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$1.9M

Mayor Lori Lightfoot launched her first TV ads in November and spent more than $1.9 million on advertising in the final two months of the year, according to the state elections board filings.

Citing health, climate risks, activists want city to ban natural gas in new buildings

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

Environmentalists, activists and consumer advocates are calling on Chicago politicians to pass a clean buildings ordinance that would effectively rule out the use of natural gas in most new buildings.

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday morning at City Hall, the Sierra Club's Illinois chapter director Jack Darin called such an ordinance "the next bold step for climate action."

Speakers pointed to a growing number of scientific studies linking nitrogen dioxide emitted by gas stoves to childhood asthma. And Citizens Utility Board executive director David Kolata said that even before winter began, 20% of Peoples Gas customers were more than 30 days past due on their bills, and they owed an average of over $600.

"Natural gas has thrown Chicago residents into a deep hole and it's only getting deeper," said Pastor Scott Onque', policy director at Faith in Place, an environmental justice nonprofit. "We need to start planning now for cheaper, cleaner ways to heat our homes. We need to start for the sake of our planet, our kids, our health and our bottom lines."

Advocates want Chicago to join New York, Los Angeles and Boston in effectively banning the use of natural gas in most new construction. In Chicago, gas is often used to provide residential heat and hot water, and to power stoves and laundry dryers — all of which can now be done with electricity.

The news conference was in support of a "Clean Buildings, Clean Air" ordinance that organizers said was being drafted by Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office, with their input. The clean buildings ordinance is not yet public, according to Kolata, but he expects it to be soon.

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Wayne Beals proudly shows off his hyper-heating Mitsubishi heat pump outside his all-electric new construction home in Riverside on Wednesday. He says it's really warm in winter. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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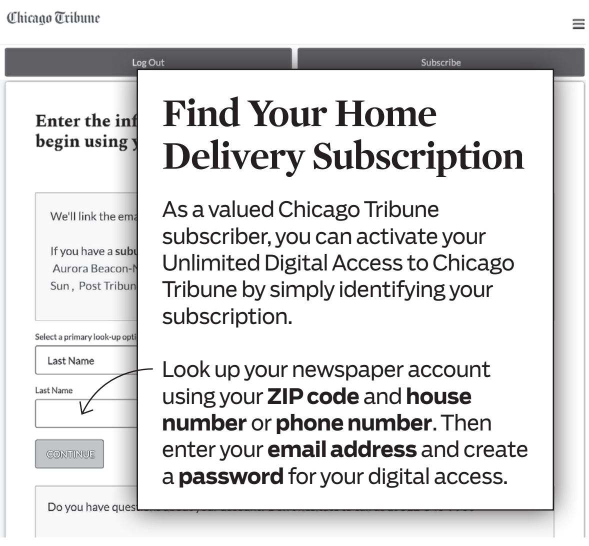

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ISRA sues over state's firearm ban

By Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs comprehensive legislation to ban military-style firearms on Jan. 10 at the Illinois Capitol in Springfield. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Illinois' flagship gun rights organization on Tuesday filed a federal lawsuit alleging the newly signed state law that prohibits high-powered guns and large-capacity ammunition magazines violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Filed on behalf of the Illinois State Rifle Association and nearly a half-dozen other gun rights advocates, the lawsuit was anticipated after Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker last week signed the ban on so-called assault weapons and large-capacity magazines.

It's also the first known federal lawsuit filed against the ban, which was passed six months after the deadly mass shooting at the Fourth of July parade in Highland Park left seven dead and dozens more injured. Two other lawsuits were filed in state court in recent days in downstate Crawford and Effingham counties.

The federal lawsuit echoes many of the arguments made by the ban's Republican opponents in the Democrat-led state legislature, including that the new law criminalizes law-abiding citizens who have a right to bear arms under the Second Amendment. The suit also alleges the ban violates the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, meant to ensure equal protection rights for anyone protected by U.S. laws.

Aside from the rifle association, the plaintiffs include two other gun rights groups, the Firearms Policy Coalition and Second Amendment Foundation, two gun shops, one of them from McHenry County, and a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel who owns firearms and magazines affected by the ban.

Two of the named defendants are Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, whose agency will oversee a process under the new law that allows current owners of assault weapons to register them with the state police by Jan. 1.

Other defendants are a handful of law enforcement officials from different counties, including sheriffs who, prior to the lawsuit, either publicly opposed the ban or vowed to not enforce it.

"The real problem is that there are existing gun laws that do not work because they are not enforced," Illinois State Rifle Association Executive Director Richard Pearson said in a statement. "We would all be much safer if the police had the resources they need, and there were stronger consequences for the non-law-abiding citizens."

A spokeswoman for Kelly said the agency would not comment on pending litigation. A representative for Raoul could not be reached for comment.

Pritzker is not a named defendant in the lawsuit. On Wednesday, in a CNN interview from the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Pritzker said he's confident the new law is constitutional based on "the fact that there … have been challenges of other states' assault weapons bans."

"We're simply copying, frankly, what's been done in other states," Pritzker said. "In fact, ours is perhaps one of the most stringent, but it fits within the confines of what is constitutional and acceptable."

Still, Pritzker left open the possibility that the law could be struck down if a legal challenge makes it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Who knows?" Pritzker said. "This Supreme Court (is) certainly a very right-wing one, and we'll have to let the courts play this out."

Among the case law cited by the plaintiffs in the lawsuit is a U.S. Supreme Court decision from last June that struck down New York state's concealed carry law.

In New York Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen, the high court's conservative 6-3 majority found, among other things, that the "plain text" of the Second Amendment protected the right to carry guns for self-defense.

The lawsuit also cites case law that holds that firearms and magazines can be banned if they are "dangerous and unusual," and says that the guns and magazines listed in the Illinois law are in common use and do not fit that definition.

"Therefore, they cannot be banned, and the Illinois laws challenged herein must be declared unconstitutional," the suit argues.

The Illinois law bans dozens of pistols, shotguns and semi-automatic rifles, including all AR-type rifles. The lawsuit argues that the AR-15 rifle is in standard use among law-abiding gun owners and is "an optimal firearm to rely on in a self-defense encounter."

"AR-15 rifles are among the most popular firearms in the nation, and they are owned by millions of Americans," the lawsuit states. "What is more, the designation 'assault weapons' is a misnomer, 'developed by anti-gun publicists' in their crusade against lawful firearm ownership."

"By prohibiting Plaintiffs from possessing and carrying popular semi-automatic firearms and common ammunition magazines, Illinois has prevented them from 'keeping and bearing arms' within the meaning of the (Second) Amendment's text," the lawsuit argues.

The lawsuit uses a similar argument to allege that the law violates the Second Amendment by depriving the public of "high capacity" ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 bullets for long guns and over 15 bullets for handguns.

"Magazines capable of holding more than 10 or 15 rounds of ammunition are normal features of firearms in the United States and are more accurately described as 'standard capacity,' magazines," the lawsuit states. "Magazine capacity is important for average citizens seeking to defend themselves because most shots fired in armed altercations miss their target."

While the Bruen decision expanded Second Amendment protections by imposing a new test requiring gun laws to be "historically" consistent with laws on the books in the 18th century, the lawsuit says "there is no historical tradition of prohibiting the … importation, or sale of magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds."

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are represented by Wheaton-based attorney David Sigale. He represented Chicago resident Otis McDonald in a successful U.S. Supreme Court case in 2010 that prompted the high court to overturn the city's nearly three-decade-old handgun ban.

In an interview with the Tribune last week, Sigale warned the new Illinois ban could be in jeopardy if the Bruen decision is applied.

"The Second Amendment says the people have the right to keep and bear arms for self-defense purposes. That right is not limited to arms that just existed back in 1791 and it's not the government's place basically to say what firearms someone needs or should have or should want for those self-defense or other lawful purposes," Sigale said.

"Those claims have to be analyzed under a historical tradition test, and when that test is applied I don't think that these restrictions are going to hold up as passing muster," he said.

After Jan. 1, people who possess an unregistered firearm covered by the ban face a misdemeanor for a first offense and a felony for subsequent offenses.

As for the ban on large-capacity magazines, only current owners as of April 10 will be allowed to possess them on private property, at a firing range or a sport shooting competition or at a federal licensed gun dealer for repairs. Violators will be subject to a $1,000 fine.

The bans on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines don't apply to law enforcement.

Chicago Tribune's Dan Petrella contributed.

Pritzker spent $350M to win two terms

By Rick Pearson
Chicago Tribune

In his two winning campaigns to become Illinois' chief executive, billionaire Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, the nation's wealthiest politician, has spent $350 million, including more than $167 million to defeat Republican Darren Bailey by nearly 13 percentage points in November, according to newly released state and federal campaign records.

Bailey, a former state senator from downstate Xenia, spent $17.6 million on his campaign. Most of that was spent before he won the June 28 Republican primary election, with only $6 million spent between then and his loss to Pritzker in the general election, records show.

Bailey's primary campaign was assisted by another $43.2 million from People Who Play By The Rules, a political action committee run by political operative and right-wing radio host Dan Proft of Naples, Florida. Of that total, $35.8 million was spent after the primary, records show.

The PAC was almost entirely funded by ultraconservative megadonor Richard Uihlein, who founded the Uline office supply and packaging company. Uihlein's total outlay for the primary and general election for governor was $48 million — $6 million to Bailey's campaign and $42 million to the aligned PAC, records showed.

Pritzker, an entrepreneur and heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune who largely self-finances his campaigns, faced no significant primary opposition in his bid for reelection, spending $140 million since he kicked off his reelection campaign with a $35 million donation in March 2021.

Pritzker gave an additional $27 million to the Democratic Governors Association, federal Internal Revenue Service reports showed. Leading up to the primary, the DGA aired ads that labeled Bailey as too conservative for Illinois in a backdoor campaign aimed at helping him defeat a better-funded GOP contender, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin.

Irvin, who finished third in the GOP primary, got $50 million from billionaire Ken Griffin, the founder of the Citadel financial firm.

Pritzker's spending, including the DGA funding, along with Bailey's spending and that of the aligned Uihlein-funded PAC, puts a total price tag of $228 million on the campaigns of the two candidates who competed in the November general election.

The total falls short of the total spent by one-term Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, a wealthy investor, and Pritzker in the 2018 campaign, which at the time was the most expensive race for state chief executive in the nation's history. Rauner spent $79 million on his reelection bid compared with $173 million by Pritzker.

The 2018 figures dwarfed the previous record total of $112 million spent on an Illinois governor's race four years earlier, when Rauner spent $65.3 million in defeating then-Gov. Pat Quinn.

Records show that from the time Pritzker announced his first bid for governor on April 6, 2017, through the end of 2022, his campaign fund has spent $322.6 million. Adding the $27 million he gave to the DGA puts his total spend at $349.6 million in his two campaigns for governor.

For his reelection campaign, records show Pritzker spent nearly $70 million on advertising, including non-DGA TV commercials, $20 million on consulting and more than $15 million on voter outreach, in addition to a $5 million payroll, to win reelection.

Pritzker also used $25 million to assist other Democrats and party organizations including $11.2 million to the state Democratic Party; $8 million for the Illinois House Democratic campaign fund; $2 million for the state Senate Democrats fund; $1 million apiece to Attorney General Kwame Raoul and now-Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias; and another $1 million to the Cook County Democrats.

Of the more than $17 million that Bailey spent, $12 million was for advertising and media, while $441,000 was spent on lodging — including nearly $30,000 for nine visits to the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago. Bailey avidly sought and gained Trump's endorsement.

Bailey, who often spoke on the campaign trail about thousands of volunteers knocking on voters' doors, also paid $560,000 for "Door Knocking Service" to Higher Ground Strategies. The firm's Glen Ellyn address is listed to a home owned by Matthew Besler, a former Rauner political adviser who is the chairman and CEO of the Illinois Opportunity Project. A co-founder of the conservative group is Proft.

Bailey, who referred to Chicago as a "hellhole" during his campaign, received only $607,709 from donors with a Chicago address. Of that total, $462,000 was from the Illinois Republican Party's office in Chicago as an in-kind donation for postmarking Bailey mailings through the use of the GOP's postage meter, which has a lower postal rate. Bailey reimbursed the GOP for the expense.

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Defense requests details as R. Kelly cases stall

By Megan Crepeau and Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

R. Kelly's Cook County cases continue to move at a snail's pace, despite a judge's past urging to make progress now that the singer's two federal trials have concluded.

Kelly's defense this week filed additional motions saying they could not proceed until prosecutors reveal more specific information about their allegations against Kelly. And prosecutors just turned over "significant" potential evidence to the defense last week, one motion alleges.

The disgraced R&B superstar was supposed to attend county court Wednesday for an afternoon hearing, at which attorneys were slated to argue on the defense's request to dismiss some of his charges.

Cook County's cases against R. Kelly have mostly stagnated since federal prosecutors filed charges in 2019. **ANTONIO PEREZ/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2019**

Instead, the hearing was quietly rescheduled for Wednesday morning, no arguments were made, and Kelly stayed in federal lockup. It has been almost a year since Kelly's attorneys first filed the request that was supposed to be discussed this week.

The hearing Wednesday lasted about one minute. Prosecutors said they had received the defense motions and wanted more time to respond. Kelly's next court date was scheduled for the end of the month.

When Associate Judge Lawrence Flood asked Kelly attorney Jennifer Bonjean whether she wanted the singer present, Bonjean said no, since "he does not want to be here."

The new court filings from Bonjean allege that prosecutors have not given the defense enough information about the charges related to "J.P" — known to be Jerhonda Pace — who accuses Kelly of having sexual contact with her when she was underage. Pace was a central witness in Kelly's New York federal trial.

It is unclear, the defense says, how many separate sexual encounters county prosecutors allege Kelly had with the teenage Pace, and they do not have enough information about the specific dates and locations of the alleged acts.

"Even if the Complainant cannot recall precise dates during the relevant time period, she should be able to identify a location of the occurrence or occurrences," one motion states.

The defense also asked Flood to make prosecutors reveal whether they intend to introduce "prior bad acts" evidence against Kelly, that is, accusations of past behavior that are not part of the formal charges.

It has been about a year since another of Kelly's attorneys, Steve Greenberg, filed a formal request to throw out the county case related to Pace. Greenberg said in court months ago that he intends to file a similar request on one of the other cases, presumably the indictment centering on some of the same video footage at issue in the Chicago federal case.

Flood in recent months has repeatedly said from the bench he wants to see progress in those cases, but little has happened, with no apparent consequences for the attorneys involved.

The four separate Cook County indictments allege Kelly sexually abused or assaulted four people, three of whom were underage girls at the time.

All those cases have largely stagnated since federal prosecutors in two states filed double-whammy indictments against the singer in the summer of 2019. The county cases were quickly overshadowed, and Kelly has since been convicted of federal sex crime-related charges in Chicago and New York.

Kelly was convicted in Chicago federal court in September on charges including child pornography related to his years of sexual abuse of his underage goddaughter and other girls. He was acquitted, however, of the explosive allegations that he rigged his initial Cook County trial in the 2000s.

His sentencing in Chicago federal court is scheduled for next month.

Kelly has been sentenced to 30 years after a jury in New York found him guilty of racketeering conspiracy charges alleging his musical career doubled as a criminal enterprise aimed at satisfying his predatory sexual desires.

Illinois second on list for green construction

By Nara Schoenberg
Chicago Tribune

Illinois was the No. 2 state for green building in 2022, second only to Massachusetts, according to an annual ranking released Tuesday by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The state was No. 1 in 2021, and has ranked in the top 10 every year since the rankings began in 2010. Illinois is the only state to have topped the list five times, according to U.S. Green Building Council managing director of U.S. market transformation and development Rhiannon Jacobsen.

"Illinois continues to be very strong," said Jacobsen.

The ranking is based on LEED-certified gross square footage per capita added over the course of a year.

Developed by the Green Building Council, LEED is the most widely used green building rating program in the world. It takes into account factors such as air quality, safety and energy efficiency.

In 2022, 91 Illinois buildings were LEED-certified, for a total of over 44.5 million square feet or 3.48 square feet per capita. Office buildings, apartment buildings, government buildings and schools were among those certified.

Illinois' success is partly due to an early start. The fourth project ever to obtain LEED certification, in 2001, was the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in North Chicago. In 2007, Chicago hosted the high-profile Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, which drew a record crowd of 23,000.

A garden area and seating on the rooftop of Chicago's Old Main Post Office in the 400 block of West Van Buren Street on Aug. 3. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Jacobsen said some of the credit for Illinois' record goes to strong policies and advocacy.

She cited the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act of 2021, which charts a path to 100% clean energy by 2050. The act stresses job training and fair distribution of the benefits of the energy transition.

"Illinois has really got kind of a unique standing with the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which some observers have called the most equitable climate law in America," Jacobsen said.

She also pointed to a strong market for sustainable buildings and leadership from businesses and organizations.

Illinois saw 91 projects LEED-certified in 2022, up a bit from 2021, when 87 projects were certified.

"It's not that Illinois did worse. The bar got higher," Jacobsen said.

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Police: Off-duty cop shoots robbery suspect

By Shanzeh Ahmad
Chicago Tribune

An off-duty Chicago police officer shot a person who was allegedly committing a robbery on the South Side Wednesday afternoon, police said.

It happened in front of an apartment building in the 1300 block of West 90th Street around 12:55 p.m., Chicago police Superintendent David Brown said in a statement. When the officer took out their weapon and announced who they were, a person involved in the robbery was shot when a struggle ensued between the two over the officer's gun, Brown said in the statement.

The suspect was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn in serious condition while the officer was taken to an area hospital for observation.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability is investigating with cooperation from the Chicago Police Department. The officer will be placed on routine administrative duties for 30 days.

Gas

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Lightfoot's office did not comment on whether it was working on an ordinance but released a statement from the mayor commending the work of the clean-energy groups.

"This topic is critically important, and that's why I commissioned the Chicago Building Decarbonization Working Group in 2021 to better understand how we can move to decarbonize buildings and alleviate the energy burden for Chicagoans struggling to pay their utility bills," Lightfoot said in the statement.

Kolata said the expected ordinance is not technically a ban on natural gas in new construction. Instead, advocates want Chicago to follow New York's lead and establish emissions standards for new buildings that are so high they basically rule out fossil fuels.

In New York that approach has been widely referred to as a ban on natural gas in new construction.

Peoples Gas provided a written statement noting that the company has been serving Chicago for 170 years and called the reasoning behind the proposed clean buildings ordinance "flawed and unrealistic."

"Electric heat pumps may help keep Chicago warm in the future, but they cannot be relied upon today," the statement said. "Not only do they struggle to work in cold climates, but it costs up to $60,000 to convert a single home to an electric heat pump. Further, Chicago's electric system will be powered by natural gas for years to come, which shows that these activists' thinking is flawed and unrealistic."

Wayne Beals prepares breakfast on his electric induction cooktop on Wednesday. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A Consumers Report survey found that members paid a median price of $7,791 to purchase and install a heat pump, versus $6,870 for a gas furnace. Whole-house heat pumps for cold climates can easily cost more than $10,000, Consumer Reports noted, but that's for both heating and cooling — heat pumps provide air conditioning. With state subsidies, heat pumps can cost less than gas furnaces, according to Consumer Reports.

The federal government's Inflation Reduction Act provides a 30% tax credit of up to $2,000 for heat pumps and ComEd offers rebates.

There's some debate over whether high-efficiency electric heat pump heating systems can stand up to subzero temperatures in regions such as Chicago, but some local early adopters recently told the Tribune that their homes stayed warm and comfortable, in some cases with the aid of automatic backup systems intended for the very coldest days.

In Maine, which has set a goal of installing 100,000 heat pumps by 2025, a small pilot study found participants were staying warm in winter.

Home energy use accounts for about 20% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., according to a 2020 article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Those emissions can be reduced by switching from gas to electricity. And as electricity becomes cleaner, due to increased reliance on sources such as solar energy and wind, emissions will fall further.

Every U.S. residence combined currently creates more greenhouse gas emissions than all but five entire countries, or about as much emissions as Brazil and more than Germany, according to the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences article.

In recent years the link between gas stoves and childhood asthma has been of particular concern, with a growing number of scientific studies finding a link.

Gas cooking in the home was linked to a 42% higher risk that children would have asthma, in a 2013 study published in the International Journal of Epidemiology. The study, a meta-analysis combining the results of 41 previous studies, also suggested a 24% increase in children's lifetime risk of asthma.

A subsequent study found that longer use of gas stoves caused higher nitrogen dioxide levels, which in turn were linked to increased nighttime inhaler use in children with asthma.

Homes with gas stoves have nitrogen dioxide concentrations 50% to 400% higher than homes with electric stoves, according to a report by the clean energy nonprofit RMI.

At the news conference Adella Bass, the lead health equity organizer for the Altgeld Gardens nonprofit People for Community Recovery, said that her entire family suffers from breathing issues. She cited problems such as toxic pollution from industry, as well as gas stoves.

"We deserve to breathe," said Bass. "We deserve to feel safe in our homes and neighborhoods. Clean air shouldn't be a luxury that only the wealthiest neighborhoods can access."

If Chicago moves to effectively ban gas in new construction, it would join dozens of cities and counties that have taken similarly strong measures, many of them in California, where Berkeley instated the first ban in 2019.

There's pushback against gas bans as well. At least 20 states have passed laws prohibiting local governments from banning natural gas, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

States that have banned natural gas bans include Iowa, Indiana, Texas and Missouri.

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State OKs $20 million for influx of migrants to city

By Gregory Pratt
Chicago Tribune

Chicago is poised to receive $20 million from the state of Illinois under an appropriation bill passed by legislators for migrants, but that's less than half of what Mayor Lori Lightfoot requested to address a recent influx of asylum-seekers.

Lightfoot sent a letter late last month to state legislators asking for $54 million to help fund emergency services to asylum-seeking individuals. She noted that Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration sent a letter to the city saying the state is "out of funds and will no longer be able to support city migrant services efforts as of Feb. 1, 2023."

To fund emergency services to migrant and asylum-seeking individuals, Lightfoot asked for $54 million. State legislators responded by passing a $20 million appropriation for asylum-seekers in the lame-duck session.

At her customary post-City Council meeting news conference Wednesday, Lightfoot said her administration is taking a "wait-and-see" approach.

"If you look at the conversation around the $20 million, it was that they're going to give this to us as an initial installment. Wait and see what if any, monies that we get from the federal government and give us the opportunity to come back and ask for more," Lightfoot said. "So I'm never going to say no to that kind of money. We could use it because we will put it to good use in helping support migrants in the city."

The measure, which still has to be signed by Pritzker, and also includes an additional $90 million for state welcoming centers for immigrants and refugees.

Since the first bus arrived from Texas in the fall, nearly 4,000 asylum-seekers turned up in Chicago from Texas and another 1,400 from elsewhere by the end of 2022. About 1,500 remained in the city's care at that time, officials said. The city has set up 11 shelters to house, clothe and feed migrants and provide other services, costing the city an estimated $7 million in December alone, Lightfoot wrote her letter to lawmakers, sent after state officials said they planned to cease financial assistance to the city for the migrants at the end of January.

Lightfoot's administration has also floated a controversial plan to convert a vacant former school in Woodlawn into a temporary migrant shelter. Some residents have objected, saying the neighborhood is already lacking in adequate services.

But the need remains, with asylum-seekers sleeping in bus shelters, police stations, churches and other makeshift locations.

Chicago Tribune's Dan Petrella and Jeremy Gorner contributed.

Mayor

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Mayor Lori Lightfoot says, "It's campaign season. We're about 40 days out from an election. Of course we're spending money," **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE**

and the unions that support him, including the powerful Chicago Teachers Union. With additional fundraising since the beginning of the year, Johnson has more than $1.7 million in the bank. Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas has about $1.8 million on hand and U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" Garcia has about $1.3 million in the bank after being the last big-name candidate to announce plans to run, the filings show.

With more than $4.1 million, Willie Wilson has more money than any of the candidates for mayor but nearly all of it is cash the business owner loaned himself.

Lightfoot is facing public concerns about crime, dissatisfaction with her leadership style and anger over some broken promises. Last week, she tried to stem the tide of another brewing scandal when it was revealed her campaign asked Chicago Public Schools teachers to help recruit their students for her reelection campaign in exchange for class credit — a practice Lightfoot later vowed to stop after her challengers blasted it as crossing ethical boundaries.

She launched her first TV ads in November and spent more than $1.9 million on advertising in the final two months of the year, according to the state elections board filings.

"It's campaign season. We're about 40 days out from an election. Of course we're spending money," Lightfoot said Wednesday at an unrelated news conference.

"We're spending money to be on TV, we're spending money on our field operation, we're spending money on voter engagement. I'm not one who thinks that the thing to do is continue to hoard money," she said. "We feel very good about where we are, we feel very good about the amount of money that we're raising, and we're going to have plenty of money to make sure we communicate and we stay up on TV."

Lightfoot's initial TV commercials attempted to address crime in Chicago and soften her image of combativeness as it showed clips from her inaugural address nearly four years ago talking about her upbringing and her parents, including her mother who attended the event.

More recently, Lightfoot has used her ads to go on the attack against García, criticizing him for ties to indicted former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and alleged crypto fraudster Sam Bankman-Fried in an attempt to bloody up a top rival.

But as the TV commercials have aired, Lightfoot's expenses have outpaced how much money her campaign has been bringing in, a practice that has been seen before. Last year, the Tribune reported Lightfoot spent campaign cash faster than she had been raising it, leaving her with less political cash than she had shortly after winning office in April 2019.

Lightfoot's financial footing is a contrast to her two predecessors, Mayor Richard M. Daley and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who tapped the advantage of incumbency to build massive campaign war chests aimed at discouraging challengers from entering the race, and then used that cash to quickly define those who did through attack ads. She has not been able to match their fundraising pace.

The newly filed campaign reports also show Lightfoot's political allies struggling to raise money. Her former political director, Dave Mellet, helped launch an independent expenditure campaign fund to support the mayor. The fund is not bound by restrictions Lightfoot must abide by, including how much money contributors can give or who they are, including city contractors.

But the 77 Committee only raised $100,000 in the final quarter of 2022, a paltry sum compared to a similar effort led by Emanuel supporters in 2014 to back his reelection campaign. That fund raised more than $5 million in one year to help Emanuel win a second term.

The next-highest fundraising total came from Johnson, who while raising $1.8 million only spent $578.000. Johnson recently launched commercials on broadcast TV aimed at introducing him to voters, a prerequisite if he is going to leapfrog bigger-name candidates.

Vallas raised $1.1 million and spent $840,000 during the final quarter of the year. Since the end of the year, he's raised another $669,000, leaving him with $1.8 million on hand. Vallas, who finished a distant seventh in the last election, has also launched television ads focused on crime.

García is the only other candidate who raised more than $1 million. He raised $1.4 million and spent $151,000, leaving him with $1.3 million. Unlike Lightfoot, Vallas and Johnson, García hasn't yet launched TV ads or spent much campaign cash. Instead, he has been relying on his higher-name recognition due to his 2015 campaign against Emanuel and long career in public life. But he is expected to spend significantly more as Election Day draws near.

If none of the nine candidates in the Feb. 28 election receives more than 50% of the vote, the top two vote-getters will move to the runoff election, which is April 4.

Ald. Sophia King of the 4th Ward, who represents parts of the downtown lakefront and the Hyde Park neighborhood in the City Council, took in $231,000 and spent $219,000, leaving her with nearly $230,000.

State Rep. Kambium "Kam" Buckner of Chicago raised nearly $127,000 but spent $106,000, leaving him with only $28,000 in the bank.

Ald. Roderick Sawyer of the 6th Ward raised $42,500 and spent $25,000. He's raised another $28,000 since the start of the year, leaving him with $64,000 on hand.

Wilson raised less than $3,000 and spent $587,000.

Activist Ja'Mal Green raised $22,000 and spent $23,000. He's raised another $53,500 since the start of the year, leaving him with more than $66,000 in the bank.

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Rail

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done nothing. It's dirt."

Taylor has said she'd earlier dropped her opposition to the project because she thought the railroad was going to meet some of her demands involving hiring and how money was being spent in the community. The railroad didn't make good on its pledges, she said.

A Norfolk Southern spokesman released a statement later Wednesday saying the council's actions "further delays progress on this project, compounding the impact of the many delays for our now 15-year effort to expand our 47th Street facility. This project would further Chicago's role as the heart of our nation's supply chain.

"The impact is twofold," the statement continued. "New construction remains on pause, meaning more delays to bid on work by local contractors. It also means a delay in the good-paying jobs created by Norfolk Southern from the expansion, as well as those with contractors and other Chicago businesses that support the yard's ongoing operations. We are committed to Chicago and the local communities we serve in the region. We look forward to progressing this project alongside our partners in Chicago, all to expand economic opportunity in the community, and to keep freight moving for America's consumers, and businesses."

The spokesman noted work has been delayed on the site by the drawn-out approval process of the city ordinance.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who introduced the ordinance, has maintained that after decades of industrial job loss, the city can help its remaining businesses by providing land they need to expand at reduced cost.

At a news conference following the City Council meeting, Lightfoot defended the rail company's efforts on community engagement thus far.

"You gotta go into the community, and Norfolk Southern really has to take the lead responsibility for that — and they have been — to make sure that they're listening to what the concerns of the residents are and coming up with solutions that address those concerns," Lightfoot said.

Norfolk Southern's location in the heart of Chicago means it can't avoid withering debates over who benefits and who doesn't from the city's prominence as a freight hub, what happens when the railroad displaces longtime residents, and whether it's doing enough to promote green space and clean air for those still living near the tracks.

Taylor previously blocked a vote on the ordinance for five months to pressure the railroad to conduct a study on the long-term health impacts of diesel soot from trains and trucks and to hire more Black contractors and employees, including from Englewood.

Taylor has cited a lawsuit from a longtime Englewood resident whose home was acquired by Norfolk Southern through eminent domain as evidence that the company's expansion is harming its surrounding community. The railroad made no apologies for taking over the property, according to its court filing in response to her lawsuit, and is now finalizing a settlement with the plaintiff.

"We're talking about a billion dollar company that got rich off the backs of slaves, and now they're mistreating Black and brown communities," she said.

Norfolk Southern spokesperson Connor Spielmaker has said the company supports educational efforts about the history of railroads and the Black community, and that the railroad has tried to be a good neighbor. As required by the city of Chicago for all contractors, the ordinance transferring streets and alleys to Norfolk Southern listed by name hundreds of slaves that the railroad's corporate predecessors owned prior to the Civil War.

"Diversity, equity, and inclusion are part of our culture today, and we're committed to continued progress," he said. "We're proud to be a majority-minority employer in Chicago, where more than 30% of our local workforce is Black."

Spielmaker continued: "Expanding this in-town facility eliminates the need for residents (to) commute out of the city for work, creates new jobs, and reduces urban sprawl while directly reinvesting in the communities we have long been a part of."

He later told the Tribune that Norfolk Southern "has publicly, through multiple public meetings in addition to comments published in your newspaper, affirmed our commitment to hiring diverse contractors for construction of this project in addition to the additional jobs it will bring upon completion." But Taylor said Wednesday that she was "not going to sign on the RDA that I was not here for," referring to a development agreement the city entered into with the railroad for the expansion in 2014.

She also said she wants an accounting of a $3 million environmental and community development fund established by this agreement for projects near the expanded rail yard. For instance, she says she and community residents didn't know at the time that this fund paid for $934,000 in improvements to container loading equipment inside the yard, and $200,000 for repairs and upgrades to a rail viaduct along the proposed Englewood Nature Trail. She wants to know how this happened.

"Basically, they went around me and went right to the mayor and asked this to be introduced," Taylor said. "So it shows you the type of respect that this billion dollar company has for my community."

Chicago is the country's largest freight hub, handling half of all U.S. intermodal trains and a total of $3 trillion worth of cargo each year, according to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL

New restrictions for vape shops

By Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

New Chicago businesses that get 20% of their income from the sale of vapes will now be required to obtain a special city license.

The ordinance from 41st Ward Ald. Anthony Napolitano, which passed by voice vote Wednesday, also restricts how closely such shops can operate from each other.

Napolitano's original proposal would have given the City Council authority to place moratoriums in specified areas on future tobacco retail licenses, which are required in Chicago to sell cigarettes, vapes and other smoke products.

"It's keeping it out of the hands of our kids, because right now there's a major explosion with vaping," Napolitano told the Tribune ahead of the vote. "I have two teenage kids alone that see vaping probably in every other one of their friends' hands. So now this is hopefully gonna get a little bit more of a little anchor on it so that it isn't every location."

The newest legislation, which exempts existing vape shops, comes as the city has moved to crack down on electronic cigarettes, which have lately been a target of a broad coalition of aldermen and Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Supporters of restricting vapes say the products have spurred a public health crisis among teenagers as they cycle through the pen-shaped devices at dizzying paces.

But those working in vape shops have countered that their products have helped many adults quit traditional cigarettes, and existing constraints have failed to keep the electronic ones out of children's hands. They worry the legislation would further hurt small businesses without making a dent in preventing youth addiction.

The lack of a moratorium clause in the final version of the ordinance was welcomed by an industry group.

"The devil is always in the details, but a model that permits new stores to open appears more consumer-friendly than the possibility of moratoriums," said Gregory Conley, director of legislative and external affairs for the American Vapor Manufacturers Association. "Nonetheless, we remain concerned that past anti-harm-reduction bans and excise taxes passed by the council will continue to push sales in Chicago to the uncontrollable illicit market."

Aurora Pride files lawsuit against city

By Megan Jones
Beacon-News

Aurora Pride, organizers of the annual Pride Parade in the city, filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday challenging the city ordinance that they said led to the event's permit being revoked last summer before the parade was eventually held.

The lawsuit seeks, among other things, an injunction preventing the city of Aurora from using the Special Events Ordinance that was applied to Aurora Pride, and an assurance that what happened in 2022 will not be repeated in the future, according to a news release from the American Civil Liberties Union.

City spokesman Clayton Muhammad said Wednesday the city doesn't have a comment on the pending litigation at this time.

The parade was scheduled for Sunday, June 12, but on the Wednesday before, the city revoked the special event permit for the Aurora Pride group to hold the event.

City officials said they were unable to get enough Aurora police officers to work overtime or extra-duty shifts to provide adequate security for the parade. The city said it was unable to force officers to work overtime at a non city-sponsored event.

Earlier in the month, Aurora Pride had requested that if police officers wanted to march in the Pride Parade, they do so not in full uniform, particularly not with weapons. They said police could wear a "soft uniform" identifying them as police officers, but not a full uniform with weaponry and handcuffs.

This was enough to cause some city officials, including Mayor Richard Irvin, to announce they would not participate in the parade.

Attorneys for Aurora Pride attended a hearing with the city to appeal the revocation of the parade license, but on Thursday afternoon the week of the parade, a judge ruled against the group's appeal.

In response, the ACLU of Illinois planned to file a federal lawsuit against the city, in an attempt to keep the parade as scheduled. But about 5:30 p.m. that Thursday, the city announced it had reinstated Aurora Pride's permit for the parade.

The change came after the city offered a triple-time financial incentive to its police officers to take overtime to provide security for the parade.

According to the release from the ACLU, this led to a doubling of the costs of policing the parade, leaving Aurora Pride with a $40,427 bill after they originally estimated having to spend $21,606 on security.

"It was a gut-punch," said Gwyn Ciesla, president of Aurora Pride. "Obviously, we expect to pay people for the work they did, but to have a large increase like that without our input was shocking."

If they have to pay the increased rate, they would have to host additional fundraisers for an event that already occurred, "which can be an uphill battle," Ciesla said, and also possibly impact fundraising for the 2023 Pride Parade.

"Not knowing what we'll be charged for in 2023 is difficult because how can you budget for that?" Ciesla said.

Aurora city staff has been revamping the Special Events Ordinance, and the City Council is in the midst of going over those changes. As it stands now, the council is due to vote on the new ordinance next week. It is unclear if the changes will address the concerns of Aurora Pride.

Pride officials argue the current ordinance lacks clear, definite and content-neutral standards for permitting decisions, including how the city decides how many police officers are required for security at each event.

"Our aim was to create a message of community support and peace for LGBTQ+ people in Aurora," Ciesla said about the Pride Parade in the press release. "That meant not including armed, uniformed police officers. When we refused to back down on this point to pressure from politicians, Aurora city officials threatened and revoked our permit. When we still would not relent, they claimed to 'fix' the problem they created, allowing the parade to move forward. But they expected Aurora Pride to foot the bill. And this was all made possible by this flawed ordinance."

The suit also names Aurora Police Chief Keith Cross and Aurora Events Coordinator Mike Nelson.

"The Aurora ordinance is unconstitutional," said Rebecca Glenberg, senior supervising attorney at the ACLU of Illinois, one of the lawyers representing Aurora Pride. "We have repeatedly pointed out to Aurora officials that our constitution does not give the mayor or the police a veto over whether or not a parade or demonstration goes forward simply because they do not like the message of the organizers."

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Police execute search warrant at Waukegan City Hall

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

Members of the Illinois State Police have collected information about businesses owned by Ald. Roudell Kirkwood, 4th Ward, and about the potential theft of government funds, wire fraud, official misconduct and forgery related to the city of Waukegan, court records show.

Representatives of the state police and the Lake County state's attorney's office appeared at Waukegan City Hall last week with a search warrant seeking potential evidence of those crimes and left with documents and other items, according to officials and court records.

Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart said in a text Tuesday, "Our special investigations division assisted the Illinois State Police with an ongoing investigation directed at records held in City Hall. We have no further comment at this time."

Officials left with information related to liquor and video gaming license applications, and liquor and business licenses of companies owned or operated by Kirkwood, according to the warrant. They also took a thumb drive containing emails, as well as food and beverage tax ledgers.

Kirkwood was indicted by a Lake County grand jury in July on 26 counts of forgery, two counts of wire fraud, two counts of official misconduct — all Class 3 felonies — and one count of theft by deception, a Class 1 felony.

Steve Spagnolo, a spokesperson for Rinehart's office, said this investigation is being conducted by the state police, not the state's attorney's office. When asked if he would confirm or deny if the search was related to the Kirkwood case, he declined to comment.

The Kirkwood prosecution is being handled by the Kane County state's attorney's office. Rinehart said in July the Kirkwood case was given to a special prosecutor. Before he was elected states attorney more than two years ago, he represented a member of Kirkwood's family.

Rinehart said in July he asked Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser to handle the case so his office could avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. He said in Tuesday's text Kane County, "is not handling this matter," referring to the investigation related to the warrant.

Waukegan Mayor Ann Taylor said in an email Tuesday she is aware of the search conducted by the state police and the Lake County state's attorney's office. She said she advised all city personnel to cooperate.

"I urge city employees and elected officials to fully cooperate with this investigation and any other inquiries from law enforcement," Taylor said in the email.

Arriving with a request for a litany of items, investigators left with 35 pages of liquor license applications, printouts of 21 pages of emails, liquor licenses, businesses licenses and the thumb drive relating to businesses owned or operated by Kirkwood, according to receipts attached to the warrant.

Along with the materials seized, officials sought documents pertaining to video gaming licenses, COVID relief grants, parameters regarding the issuance of COVID grants and external communications between the city and Kirkwood, according to the warrant. Officials were also looking for evidence of revenue from liquor and gaming taxes owed by Kirkwood's businesses, monthly summary sheets for the companies, records used to prepare tax filings, agreements between the city and Kirkwood regarding those agreements and documents showing proof of the residency of the businesses, according to the warrant.

Spagnolo said the special investigations division provides criminal investigation or litigation support for criminal and civil matters. Those cases typically involve political corruption, election complaints, financial crimes and task force cases.

March

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"But the battle to build a culture of life is far from over," she said. "March for Life will continue to advocate for the unborn and policies that protect them until abortion becomes unthinkable."

Prospects for any federal legislation restricting abortion nationwide are negligible for now, given that any such measures emerging from the Republican-led House would face rejection in the Democratic-led Senate. The main battlegrounds will be in the states.

Since June, near-total bans on abortion have been implemented in Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. Legal challenges are pending against several of those bans.

Elective abortions also are unavailable in Wisconsin, due to legal uncertainties faced by abortion clinics, and in North Dakota, where the lone clinic relocated to Minnesota. Bans passed by lawmakers in Ohio, Indiana and Wyoming have been blocked by state courts while legal challenges are pending.

Anti-abortion advocates have staged the March for Life in Washington annually since 1974. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP 2022**

And in South Carolina, the state Supreme Court on Jan. 5 struck down a ban on abortion after six weeks, ruling the restriction violates a state constitutional right.

Looking ahead, some anti-abortion leaders hope the Republicans nominate a 2024 presidential candidate who will aggressively push for nationwide abortion restrictions, rather than keep it as a state-by-state matter.

"The approach to winning on abortion in federal races, proven for a decade, is this: State clearly the ambitious consensus pro-life position and contrast that with the extreme view of Democrat opponents," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of SBA Pro-Life America.

Dannenfelser says she's not surprised by the divisive ups and downs that have unfolded since the June 24 ruling.

"This is what it looks like when democracy is restored and we have a voice in the debate," she said. "For 50 years, we had no voice because the judiciary was always going to shield public opinion from having an effect on the law."

Multiple public opinion polls since June have found that a majority of Americans support access to legal abortion. According to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll conducted in July, 53% of U.S. adults said they disapproved of the Supreme Court's repeal of Roe, while 30% approved.

Professor Kathleen Sprows Cummings, director of the University of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, suggested the anti-abortion movement may suffer from a perception among many Americans that it's more concerned with controlling women's bodies than helping them cope with unintended pregnancies.

Some abortion opponents are trying to counter such perceptions. In Texas, for example, anti-abortion groups are urging lawmakers to spend more money on services for pregnant and parenting Texans, including expanding Medicaid coverage for mothers.

Charles Camosy, a medical humanities professor at Creighton University School of Medicine who opposes abortion, has analyzed the high-profile election defeats suffered by the anti-abortion movement.

"Pro-lifers have clearly and badly lost the PR battle since June and this has shaped how people are voting," Camosy said via email. He said abortion-rights supporters were better organized and better funded, while many anti-abortion politicians either avoided the issue or sounded too extreme.

"There are obviously very good things that have happened, however," added Camosy, citing the drop in abortions reported in states with bans.

Man with special needs wounded in shooting

By Deanese Williams-Harris and Paige Fry
Chicago Tribune

At least three gunmen opened fire on a father and his two special needs children who were outside waiting for a school bus Wednesday morning, hitting and critically injuring the 21-year-old son, authorities said.

About 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of shots fired in the 4700 block of South Wolcott Avenue, and when they arrived, they found the 21-year-old on the ground unresponsive, Deering District Cmdr. Don Jerome said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon. Police discovered the man had been shot three times, once in the head.

The 21-year-old was taken in critical condition to Stroger Hospital, Jerome said.

The 21-year-old was with his father and a 15-year-old sibling. Both of the siblings have special needs, Jerome said, and they were at the bus stop waiting to catch their school bus.

"This was just a tragic incident. … No one should be shot, let alone shot while waiting for a school bus. No father should see his children shot like this," Jerome said.

Police said the shooters fled north on Wolcott. No one was in custody and detectives were investigating.

ShotSpotter, a gunfire detection system, alerted to 39 rounds at the scene, and multiple shell casings were recovered, Jerome said.

The location of the shooting is a "gang area" with an ongoing gang conflict, Jerome said.

Investigators said the gunmen shouted gang slogans before firing shots, likely believing that the family was part of a rival gang, but none of the family members have any gang affiliation, Jerome said.

"We really are very familiar with that beat, with that area, with that conflict," Jerome said. "It's a serious problem that we're in the midst of addressing."

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Are CDs guaranteed?

By Sabrina Karl

When it comes to earning a return on your money, most options trade risk for return. The greater the risk you're willing to accept, the more you can potentially earn.

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But what if the bank with your CD goes under? Even here, you're almost always protected. The vast majority of banks are FDIC-insured, as are most credit unions, with NCUA insurance. These two federal programs provide an important safety net to consumers, keeping them whole even in the case of a bank failure.

Deposit insurance covers up to $250,000 held by one individual at a single bank. So if you have more than that in deposit accounts, you'll want to spread it out across multiple institutions.

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DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick says his office will not enforce Illinois' ban on assault weapons. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP**

Did dozens of sheriffs just forget their oaths of office?

The horrific mass shooting at Highland Park's Fourth of July parade last year demanded swift, resolute action — and the General Assembly delivered.

The passage of the Protect Illinois Communities Act makes the state safer by banning high-powered firearms, and magazines with more than 10 rounds for long guns and more than 15 rounds for handguns. People who own assault-style rifles before the ban took effect will have to register their weapons (via a serial number) beginning next year, or face a misdemeanor charge for a first offense, and a felony charge for subsequent violations.

A law, however, is only as good as a society's commitment to enforce that law. And across Illinois, law enforcement officials are abandoning that commitment.

Sheriffs in dozens of counties — by some counts, as many as 80 counties — have declared they will not enforce the new assault weapons ban. It doesn't matter that Gov. J.B. Pritzker has signed the measure into law — they don't agree with the ban and apparently have no compunction about ignoring it.

"The right to keep and bear arms for defense of life, liberty and property is regarded as an inalienable right by the people," Edwards County Sheriff Darby Boewe wrote in a letter posted on his office's Facebook page. "Therefore, as the custodian of the jail and chief law enforcement officer for Edwards County ... neither myself or my office will be checking to ensure that lawful gun owners register their weapons with the State, nor will we be arresting or housing individuals that have been charged solely with noncompliance of this act."

In an interview with Quad Cities television station WQAD, Whiteside County Sheriff John Booker brought up the tired gun rights trope that people, and not guns, are the problem. "You can lay a gun on the table," he said, "it's not going to hurt anybody. It's a person that has to pick that gun up and shoot somebody."

Booker also said, with striking defiance : "People don't understand that, as the sheriff, we're the keeper of the jails. We do have a say on who can come in and out of our jails."

Even in DuPage County, where Democrats have amassed much more clout and now have one of their own, Deb Conroy, as county board chair, Republican Sheriff James Mendrick declared that his office will not enforce the new law, which he called "a clear violation" of the Second Amendment.

To Sheriffs Booker, Mendrick, Boewe and every other sheriff hopping on the "Don't Tread on Me" bandwagon: You don't get to choose which laws to enforce and which to ignore. You and every other sheriff, police chief, officer and prosecutor took an oath to uphold the law. And violating that oath carries consequences.

Pritzker has said sheriffs or any other law enforcement official who refuses to comply with the new law faces termination. That's exactly the stance the governor needs to take.

Like any other citizen, sheriffs have a right to express their views, particularly political viewpoints since the office of sheriff is typically an elected post. But there's a difference between freedom of expression and dereliction of duty. Law enforcement officers violate their sworn duty when they decide a particular law doesn't fit their politics, and therefore should go unenforced.

The firestorm over the new law comes as no surprise. Many issues cleave this nation, and gun control is at the top of the list. All but two Illinois House Republicans voted against the assault weapons ban, and in the state Senate no GOP members voted for it. Most Republican legislators wrongly believe that the new law represents a massive impingement on the Second Amendment rights of gun owners. It doesn't.

Simply put, banning assault-style rifles and high-capacity magazines are common sense measures that take off the streets the kind of weaponry linked to so many of this country's deadliest mass shootings. The legislation also sensibly bans so-called switches, devices that can turn an ordinary gun into a semi-automatic or automatic weapon.

And it strengthens Illinois' red flag law, which allows police or family members to seek a court order to confiscate guns from individuals who are deemed "an immediate and present danger" to themselves or others. Under the old law, the court order, known as a firearm restraining order, lasted for six months. The Protect Illinois Communities Act extends the duration of that order to a year.

Backlash against the new assault-style weapons ban isn't only coming from county sheriffs. The fight has already shifted to the courtroom. At least three lawsuits against the new law have been filed, the latest by the Illinois State Rifle Association, which is challenging the ban's constitutionality in federal court.

How well the new law will hold up in court remains unknown. Illinoisans can expect the legal wrangling to last months, if not longer. In the meantime, however, the Protect Illinois Communities Act is enforceable law, and all officers — from beat cop to sheriff — owe it to the people they serve to do their job and enforce what's on the books.

Sheriffs don't let murderers go because they think there is a chance they may win a future appeal.

And the last time we checked, a sheriff is neither a judge nor a magistrate with the authority to determine whether a law is unconstitutional.

Yes, Sheriff Booker, you run the Whiteside County Jail. But it's current Illinois law that should guide you when deciding who gets locked up and who doesn't — not your personal politics.

ABOUT 2016 RUSSIAN MEDDLING

It may seem hard to believe, but there remains a hard-core group of partisans who still insist that a presidential election was stolen and that the victor is "illegitimate."

Perhaps these conspiracy theorists will finally reconsider in the wake of a new study by New York University which concludes that Russian tweets did little to increase Donald Trump's vote count in the 2016 presidential balloting.

"We find no evidence of a meaningful relationship between exposure to the Russian foreign influence campaign and changes in attitudes, polarization or voting behavior," the study concludes. In fact, the theory that "Russian meddling" flipped the election to Trump was a fantasy put forth by stunned Democrats as an excuse for Hillary Clinton's many failures. It then devolved into a bludgeon used to pummel Trump during the four years of his presidency ...

This should be no surprise to those who have been paying attention. In May, a former Clinton campaign manager testified in federal court that Clinton approved of a plan to funnel dubious information to a Slate reporter claiming Trump had a secret connection to a Russian bank.

"In short, the Clinton campaign created the Trump-Alfa allegation," The Wall Street Journal concluded, "fed it to a credulous press that failed to confirm the allegations but ran with them anyway, then promoted the story as if it was legitimate news."

Democrats have spent the past two years railing about election denialism as an existential threat to democracy. Perhaps a little more introspection is in order.

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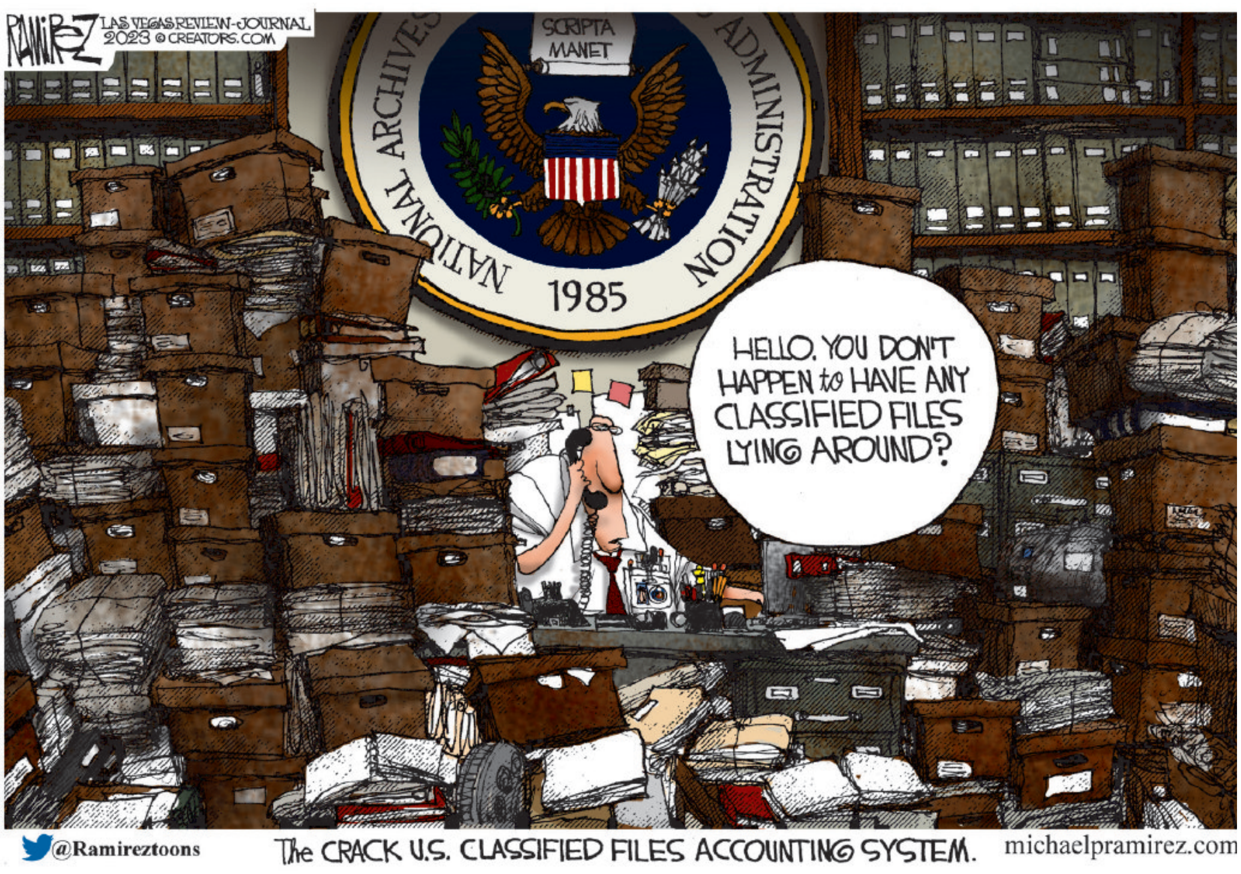
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OPINION

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, center, walks in the town of Bucha, just northwest of Kyiv, on April 4. **RONALDO SCHEMIDT/GETTY-AFP**

Prosecuting genocide is not ‘optional’ for any nation

By Duggan Flanakin

Recently, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy contended that atrocities committed by Russian troops against unarmed Ukrainian citizens constituted war crimes.

“This is real genocide,” Zelenskyy said while surveying the death toll in the town of Bucha.

President Joe Biden also used the term “genocide” in discussing the killings.

The United Nations Genocide Convention defines genocide as acting “intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group ... (by) killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (and) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.”

In the Aug. 8 issue of The New Yorker, Masha Gessen reported that there were 25,000 cases of war crimes committed by Russians against Ukrainians and asked: “What does justice look like for the victims of Russia’s atrocities?” Masha noted that while in theory, international bodies have the authority to prosecute war crimes wherever and whenever they occur, Russia’s leaders have still not been brought to account for atrocities committed in earlier conflicts, including Ukraine.

Let’s look back. The history of prosecuting war crimes began with the Nuremberg trials of 1945. Despite adopting the premise that some crimes are so heinous that the international community must step in to restore justice, prosecutions have resulted in few convictions.

The International Criminal Court, or ICC, has from inception issued arrest warrants for 38 people; only 10 have been convicted.

The ICC is, however, one of multiple possible jurisdictional paths worth considering for prosecution of war crimes in Ukraine.

Tufts University associate professor Tom Dannenbaum wrote in March for the national security-focused forum Just Security that another path to justice could be through an ad hoc international tribunal; a domestic court exercising territorial jurisdiction, such as in Russia, Belarus or Ukraine; or a court exercising universal jurisdiction. He correctly noted, however, that Russia’s veto power over any attempt by the U.N. Security Council to authorize prosecutions squelches actions being taken by the ICC, of which Russia is no longer a member.

Washington University in St. Louis adjunct law professor Milos Ivkovic said in a recent interview that nations that eschew legal action against Russian acts of aggression, war crimes and crimes of genocide can become guilty of aiding and abetting these crimes. Imposition of sanctions, he said, is far from a sufficient response to heinous acts threatening the world order.

Ivkovic bases his argument on the doctrine of jus cogens — compelling law — which is described as a peremptory (mandatory) norm of general international law permitting no derogation. Jus cogens norms sit at the apogee of international norms and place obligations on everyone.

Many nations have agreed to sanction the Russian government, but, as Ivkovic said, sanctions provide only injunctive relief as a temporary measure to stop existing harm from continuing. Sanctions cannot punish specific perpetrators of war crimes or crimes against humanity. Only through prosecution can those who commit such crimes be brought to justice.

Genocide and other violations of jus cogens, Ivkovic said, cannot be excluded from legal action by international courts. So why are modern-day war crimes not resulting in criminal prosecutions, even in absentia, of individual perpetrators?

One reason is that nations that do significant business with bad actors such as Russia and China fear a loss of access to materials and profits from the imposition of sanctions and threats of criminal prosecution. Another fear is that the perpetrators might escalate to nuclear weapons, if threatened with prosecution. What would they have to lose?

Ivkovic suggested that the horrors committed by those who fear no personal reprisals will continue if bad actors are not brought to justice. We must speak up, he contended, and prosecute, or we will never have peace. However, bad actors and their allies exercise pressure upon anyone or any nation that advocates for sanctions — and especially for prosecution.

Ivkovic said there are three levels of attack: First, nations such as Russia and China publish disinformation that contradicts or refutes the charges against them and often includes accusing their accusers of the same crimes, e.g., “Who are they to judge us?”

Second is creating narratives with the intent to inspire disrespect, outrage or even violence against their accusers. Doxxing — revealing home addresses, phone numbers, etc. — is another tactic.

If a plea for prosecution inspires governments to begin to take action, people close to those speaking up become targets. International travel then becomes a nightmare, as certain governments will respond favorably to extraditing those frivolously charged with crimes in order to shut them up.

Finally, at worst, those who push for prosecution face the ultimate threat — injury or death.

It is not hard to silence one advocate for justice, Ivkovic noted. It’s easy enough to overcome the accusations of a few but more difficult to stop when public outcry cannot be ignored. And speak out, we must, Ivkovic warned, if we profess to believe that human lives are worth more than cheap natural gas. Therefore, Ivkovic supports Congress holding hearings on the ongoing genocidal activities.

Keeping silent in the face of barbarity emboldens the bad actors, who, seeing that no one is stopping them, feel no compunction to change their behavior. Only with a united front willing to demand that genocidal criminals face consequences can society prevail over barbarism.

Duggan Flanakin is director of policy research at the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, a nonprofit that supports free-market solutions to environmental issues.

Eliminating noncompete contracts will empower employees

By David Fish

The Federal Trade Commission has proposed an imminent ban on noncompete contracts. Prohibiting these contracts is an important step toward assuring we still have access to the American Dream. It will help businesses innovate in our tight labor market, ensure workers are not stuck in dead-end jobs and make the United States more competitive with regards to our foreign counterparts.

If you’ve been employed, odds are that at some point you have heard of noncompete contracts, and there is a good chance you may have signed one. Historically, businesses used them with high-level executives to prevent them from taking trade secrets to competitors. However, in the last half century, many businesses have abused noncompete contracts by using them to avoid competition or prevent workers from leaving.

For example, I have defended in court non-English-speaking cleaning people who were sued for having the audacity to switch jobs in violation of their noncompete contracts. The Illinois attorney general once sued Jimmy John’s over its use of noncompete contracts for sandwich-makers.

The list of noncompete abuses is long and gut-wrenching and there is no right to a free lawyer when a worker is sued for violating a noncompete contract.

Building upon and invoking existing antitrust law, the FTC proposes that noncompete clauses be barred as an unfair method of competition. The rule also would require employers to rescind any existing noncompete clauses. The evidence examined by the FTC demonstrates that noncompete clauses suppress wages, reduce competition and stifle innovation.

Workers bound by noncompete clauses regularly ask employment lawyers: “I signed a stack of onboarding paperwork on my first day on the job that had a noncompete. It isn’t enforceable, is it?” They are shocked to learn how much it will cost to “get out” of their noncompete contract when they are sued. As a result, few employees ever challenge noncompete contracts and instead reluctantly comply with them while giving up better job opportunities, resulting in less money for them and their families.

FTC economists estimated that noncompete contracts suppress American workers’ income by $250 billion to $296 billion per year. This is not surprising. Why would an employer pay competitively if an employee is contractually prohibited from leaving?

Equally troubling, even if an employee is willing to take the risk of getting sued, many prospective employers simply will not hire a candidate subject to a noncompete contract. Whether or not the fear is realistic, prospective employers today rarely perceive hiring a worker as being worth the risk of getting dragged into a lawsuit.

Noncompete contracts also hurt innovation by preventing competitors, particularly startups, from hiring talented workers.

Entrepreneurship and startups are historically a driver of job creation and technological advancement. However, noncompete clauses prevent people with good ideas from being able to interact with others, killing innovation at the start. On top of that, new companies and startups have a harder time finding qualified talent because prospective employees are tied up with noncompete contracts. Likewise, many entrepreneurs cannot start a new business, which results in fewer marketplace options for consumers.

The proof is in the Golden State: In California — which has long banned noncompete agreements — worker mobility helped launch that state’s roster of high-tech companies, which includes Apple, Google, Facebook and Uber. Innovation and hard work — in other words, our human resources — are always what have made America competitive against our foreign competitors.

Some companies, particularly those businesses that have their employees locked up with noncompete contracts, are wary of doing away with noncompete clauses. It is important to recognize that the FTC is not proposing to ban nondisclosure agreements, confidentiality or trade secret laws. Therefore, businesses will continue to have ample protection for their business interests.

These companies, however, will need to rely on courting their talent, instead of threatening to take their talent to court.

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OPINION

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Immigrant tenants deserve safe and decent housing

By Susana Sandoval Vargas

Last year, many states ended pandemic-era assistance programs, including programs protecting tenants, leaving renters facing an uncertain future.

Latinos, who were among the hardest hit by COVID-19, are sure to be disproportionately affected by the affordable housing shortage. That is because many Latinos live in urban areas where rents continue to rise and safe, affordable housing stock is low. Immigrant renters are particularly vulnerable to dealing with unscrupulous landlords who will seek to weaponize their tenants' perceived immigration status to impose unlawful rent hikes or evictions.

Fears that immigrants may face increased exploitation are not misplaced. Consider the case of Jose E. Zavala-Padilla, a Chicago-area resident who lost nearly everything in 2020 following a rent dispute with his landlord.

In a 2021 lawsuit filed in state court, Zavala-Padilla said immigration officials detained him for nearly a month because his landlord grew angry after he raised concerns over the condition of the $600-a-month basement unit he rented. Zavala-Padilla asked the landlord to repair a leak that was making the unit uninhabitable. When the landlord refused, Zavala-Padilla made the repairs himself. The next month, he paid his rent a few days late and deducted the cost of the repairs. His landlord demanded the full amount and threatened to report Zavala-Padilla to immigration officials, the suit said. He agreed to move out before month's end, but his landlord retaliated by locking him out of the unit and then calling immigration officials.

Fortunately, Zavala-Padilla lives in a state with an anti-discrimination law that provides robust protections for immigrant tenants. A 2019 law, the Illinois Immigration Tenant Protection Act, bans landlords from harassing, intimidating or threatening to disclose a tenant's perceived immigration status. The ITPA allows tenants like Zavala-Padilla to sue landlords who violate the ITPA and recover damages. But more importantly, it sends a message to these landlords that they will have to pay for their unlawful behavior.

With help from Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF, Zavala-Padilla became one of the first people in Illinois to use the ITPA's protections to sue his landlord. The case is ongoing, but since then, MALDEF has filed a similar case on behalf of a couple whose landlord threatened to report them to immigration authorities over a rent dispute.

Zavala's case should be a reminder to landlords who may attempt to skirt the law that they could face consequences. And it may also be a source of hope for tenants who may not be aware of the 3-year-old law's protections and may fear speaking out about poor housing conditions. Everyone deserves to have safe and affordable housing to call home, regardless of their immigration status.

Untold numbers of tenants struggle to deal with abusive landlords who act with impunity, believing housing protections do not apply to immigrants. These tenants fear exercising their rights could have unintended consequences, like being separated from their family. They are often unjustly faced with having to choose between asserting their right to safe housing and keeping their families together.

The problem is exacerbated by the dearth of states that explicitly address the plight of immigrant renters.

As of last year, Illinois, California and New York are a few states to explicitly recognize more must be done to ensure every tenant, regardless of immigration status, is entitled to safe and fair housing.

Some states with large immigrant communities are considering similar measures or have a patchwork of laws that fail to provide uniform protections. For example, New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination bars discrimination against renters, but it does not include immigration status as a protected class.

Immigrants are an integral part of the fabric of this country. A person's basic right to decent and safe housing should not be a fight in 2023, yet stories such as Zavala-Padilla's are all too common. While Illinois is a leader in this fight, the rest of the country must step up to protect immigrants who play such an important role in keeping this country's economy functioning.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Township serves its residents

John Bambenek's op-ed ("How to reduce Illinois' property tax burden? Abolish townships.," Jan. 12) claims the path to property tax relief lies with the elimination of township government. Township government accounts for roughly 2% of the average property tax bill. If Bambenek's dreams were to become reality, 98% of the property tax burden would remain. That's hardly an inspiring solution to our property tax problems.

Bambenek gives no consideration to record collections for tax increment financing districts, which reached $1.2 billion last year in Chicago, representing nearly 16% of the total taxes paid by Chicago taxpayers. He doesn't mention school funding, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of property tax collections or Article 10 of the state constitution and state government's role in property tax relief.

I am Lyons Township's assessor. Last year, we provided services to more than 6,000 constituents. Taxpayers can call our office and speak to a property tax professional immediately. Our taxpayers also can visit their local assessor's office for in-person property tax assistance.

Last year, my office conducted a survey using county data to identify taxpayers who were missing valuable tax exemptions. We were able to contact these taxpayers through local outreach. We helped secure $1.2 million in refunds for our constituents.

Our office also audited data used by the Cook County assessor's office to allocate the property tax burden in our township. Erroneous data makes it difficult to achieve a fair and equitable property tax distribution. We discovered and corrected erroneous assessments and returned 50 missing properties to the tax rolls, and we were able to reduce the tax burden for our taxpayers by more than $1 million.

Finally, we helped our taxpayers manage the appeals process to secure reductions in assessed value. In total, the Lyons Township assessor's office returned more than $2.5 million to taxpayers. For every dollar spent on our office, we return real property tax savings. Everyone in this office works hard for our taxpayers. Bambenek's claim that our duties amount "to little more than a few weeks of work per year" is contrary to fact and more than a little insulting.

— Patrick Hynes, assessor, Lyons Township

Knee-jerk reaction to townships

Depending on who you ask, the number of units of government in Illinois can be staggering. Each with their own mission and scope of services, they are pieces of the public service puzzle in the state.

Many townships, especially in metropolitan areas, are the safety net of social services to the most vulnerable members of our community — the low-income, those with disabilities, seniors and youths. These are large segments of the population that our state is failing.

John Bambenek believes that eliminating townships would result in savings for the taxpayer and that those services could be administered by another unit of government. His op-ed is the most recent example of an unfounded knee-jerk reaction to a complicated issue.

Last year, Hanover Township provided more than 10,000 bus rides for seniors to attend doctor's appointments, receive dialysis and shop for groceries. The Township Food Pantry, open six days a week with evening hours, experienced 9,413 visits in our last fiscal year. These at-risk families and individuals would have few options if the pantry closed.

The state cannot be trusted to consistently fund youth and other social services.

Some townships have the benefit of a Mental Health Board that provides funding to local agencies.

The Hanover Township Mental Health Board disburses more than $1 million to agencies that address mental health needs including developmental disabilities, addiction and substance abuse. From 2015 to 2017, the board provided more than $250,000 to agencies in danger of closing as a result of the state's budget crisis.

The topic of consolidation is not new. A measure signed into law in 2019 allowed for a referendum on township abolishment in McHenry County. In 2020, McHenry County voters overwhelmingly rejected abolishing two townships. In 2021, a bill that would have taken this model of township abolishment statewide failed.

Not all township officials are flat-out opposed to consolidation. Initiated by Hanover Township trustees, residents voted in 2017 to eliminate the township's road district and highway commissioner, with the township assuming the duties and responsibilities.

Since then, the township board has reduced the road district levy by 5%.

There are townships in Illinois that could be consolidated, as well as park districts, library districts and special districts. Local government reform is a serious topic that needs to be discussed with all the facts.

— Brian P. McGuire, supervisor, Hanover Township

State should conduct study

John Bambenek's op-ed was illuminating. He advocates eliminating townships to reduce taxes. As he writes, many townships are not transparent, and they are unnecessary and could easily be absorbed by other agencies.

Further, Bambenek points out that Illinois has almost 7,000 governmental units, an incredible number of taxing bodies that is far higher than that of more populous states. These units generate costs that ultimately are borne by taxpayers.

Illinois needs to commission an independent examination of its 7,000 government units with a view toward maintaining necessary units and consolidating or eliminating others. Likewise, Chicago needs to evaluate its need for its 50 wards and attendant costs, with a view toward eliminating and consolidating some to reduce municipal expenditures.

The elimination of bloated and numerous governmental bodies would benefit taxpayers and be in the public interest.

— Ava Holly Berland, Chicago

A need for consolidation

Thank you for publishing John Bambenek's op-ed on abolishing townships in Illinois. I've been trying to introduce this concept to friends and colleagues for a long time.

Townships in Illinois serve purposes and perform functions that could be easily assimilated by county governments. Eliminating township budgets would be a welcome relief to taxpayers.

With nearly 7,000 governmental units, Illinois already has more than any other state in the country. It's way past time to start whittling them down.

— Gerald E. King, Merrionette Park

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ALBERT MADANSKY, 88

U. of C. statistics professor's work ranged from serious to whimsical

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune

Albert Madansky, shown in an undated photo, was a standout in his field of statistics whose research included valuing corporate stock options and analyzing the likelihood of nuclear war.
MAYA OHCANA

Albert Madansky was a statistics professor at the University of Chicago Graduate School — now known as the U. of C.'s Booth School of Business — and also was a deputy dean as the school shifted its focus from purely research and scholarship to the student experience.

"The faculty, of course, resisted doing anything differently and the rest of the world, including students, wanted us to do everything differently," recalled Sam Peltzman, a retired U. of C. economics professor at the business school. "Al was the one who had to — gently, kindly, respectfully but firmly — nudge us into the new era. I think he succeeded; it could have been disastrous in other hands."

Madansky also was a standout in his field of statistics whose research included valuing corporate stock options and analyzing the likelihood of nuclear war.

Madansky, 88, died of heart failure on Dec. 8 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, his daughter Michele said. He had been a Streeterville resident.

Born in Chicago, Madansky was the son of Polish Jewish refugees. He grew up on South Kostner Avenue in the West Side Lawndale neighborhood and graduated from Marshall High School. Madansky received a bachelor's degree from the U. of C. at age 18 in 1952, a master's in 1955 and his doctorate three years later.

Madansky worked as a mathematician for the RAND Corp., and then was a senior vice president with the New York-based advertising agency holding company Interpublic Group before becoming president of a company called Dataplan from 1968 until 1970.

Madansky taught computer science from 1970 until 1976 at the City College of New York City, where he was department chair starting in 1971. In the mid-1970s, he returned to his hometown as a professor at the U. of C.'s business school.

Madansky taught courses in statistics, econometrics and a class on great books in business, and he eventually was named to an endowed professorship, the H.G.B. Alexander professorship of business administration.

"Al had a delightful sense of humor and brought that to most everything he did," said Jim Schrager, a clinical professor of entrepreneurship and strategy at the U. of C.'s business school. "His love of a good joke — never at anyone else's expense — was his trademark."

Schrager also termed Madansky "the model" of a U. of C. professor, in that he was "massively brilliant and often challenging, but always with a wonderful sense of adventure."

"Al was clearly brilliant with numbers and statistics," Schrager said. "But he was much more than that. He broke the stereotype of a super-smart person in one highly technical area who was not interested in tackling problems outside of their area of expertise. Al was interested in almost everything."

Madansky was named the business school's associate dean in 1985 and then deputy dean in 1990.

"Al was a practical, no-nonsense kind of guy, but a warm and kind human being. The practical part of him saw exactly what needed to be done and how to do it without any intermediate obfuscation," Peltzman said. "It made him an effective consultant and also an effective deputy dean."

In his research, Madansky could be incredibly serious but also lighthearted. While at the RAND Corp., he tried to calculate the likelihood of the risk of nuclear war. He also helped develop a method for pricing corporate stock options, known as the Gastineau-Madansky model.

The Modern Library, a book publisher, asked him in 1999 to devise a statistically sound method for rating the 100 best nonfiction books of the 20th century. He accomplished the task in a way that was accompanied by none of the controversy that had come the previous year involving a similar list of English-language novels.

Ultimately, the Modern Library compensated Madansky for his effort not with money, but with books.

Another of Madansky's more whimsical analyses took place in the 1970s, when he and a Yale professor conducted a blind taste test to reach a conclusion on which Manhattan delicatessen made the best pastrami sandwich.

Madansky stepped down as deputy dean in 1993 but remained as a full professor until retiring in 1999. In retirement, he ran a consulting firm that provided litigation support for price-fixing cases and wage analysis, and he also took physics classes at Northwestern University and was involved with the Lake Shore Drive Synagogue, his daughter said.

Peltzman noted that Madansky was "part of a generation of Chicago Jews who contributed much to the university."

"I saw this aspect of Al constantly, because Yiddish is my mother tongue and Al knew that," Peltzman said. "He was much more fluent than I, who had mainly forgotten the language. But we conversed with a twinkle in each of our eyes."

A first marriage ended in divorce. In addition to his daughter, Madansky is survived by his wife of 32 years, Paula; three other daughters, Susan Groner, Cynthia Madansky and Noreen Ohcana; 13 grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Deborah Haizman and Rebecca Hirschfield; one stepson, Jonathan Klawans; and one great-grandson.

Services were held.

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ON JAN. 19 ...

In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1807 Robert E. Lee, the commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va.

In 1809 author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1839 painter Paul Cezanne was born in Aix-en-Provence, France.

In 1853 Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861 Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union.

In 1937 Howard Hughes established a transcontinental air record when he flew across the United States in 7 hours, 28 minutes.

In 1938 700 people died as Gen. Francisco Franco's nationalist air force bombed the Spanish cities of Barcelona and Valencia.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In 1944 the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1945 Russian troops took Krakow, Poland.

In 1953 CBS aired the widely watched episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo, played by Lucille Ball, gave birth to Little Ricky. (By coincidence, Ball gave birth the same day to her son, Desi Arnaz Jr.)

In 1955 a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight Eisenhower.

In 1966 Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970 President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1977 in one of his last acts of office, President Gerald Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who had made wartime broadcasts for Japan. (Although she was popularly referred to as "Tokyo Rose," D'Aquino never used that name.)

In 1979 former Attorney General John Mitchell was released from prison after serving 19 months for his Watergate conviction.

In 1981 the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

In 1990 Arthur Goldberg, former Supreme Court justice, labor secretary and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was found dead in his Washington apartment; he was 81.

In 1995 Russian troops regained control of the presidential palace in Grozny, the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

In 1997 Yasser Arafat returned to Hebron for the first time in more than 30 years, joining 60,000 Palestinians in celebrating the handover of the last West Bank city in Israeli control.

In 1998 rockabilly pioneer Carl Perkins died; he was 65.

In 2000 Michael Skakel, a nephew of Robert F. Kennedy, was charged with bludgeoning to death 15-year-old Martha Moxley in Greenwich, Conn., in 1975, when he also was 15. (Skakel was later convicted and sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.) Also in 2000 Bettino Craxi, Italy's longest-serving premier during the postwar years, died in Tunisia; he was 65. Also in 2000 actress Hedy Lamarr was found dead in her Orlando home; she was 86.

In 2001, in a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President Bill Clinton acknowledged for the first time making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky; he also surrendered his law license for five years. Also in 2001 former NFL player Rae Carruth was acquitted of first-degree murder but convicted of conspiracy and two other charges in the fatal shooting of his pregnant girlfriend.

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Death Notices

Grauer, Diane Lynn

Diane Lynn Grauer nee Berger, age 79. Beloved wife of Stuart Grauer for 56 wonderful years. Loving mother of Brenda Grauer, Alyese Faibisoff, Brian Grauer and Laurel Grauer. Proud grandmother of Ruth, Joseph and Arela Faibisoff. Cherished sister of Phillip (Ceil) Berger and Howard (Randi) Berger. Faithfully cared for by Alla Chibirova. Service Friday,10:00am at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 North Broadway Ave., Chicago, IL 60613. Interment Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Anshe Emet Synagogue, www.ansheemet.org, PAWS, 1997 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, www.pawschicago.org or NA'AMAT USA, PO Box 594 Highland Park IL 60035, www.naamat.org. To attend the funeral livestream and for shiva information please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Harwood-Cichanowicz, Nicole Therese 'Niki'

Nicole Therese "Niki" Harwood Cichanowicz, age 41, passed away unexpectedly on January 14, 2023. Niki was the beloved wife and best friend of Brian Cichanowicz; loving mother to her 2 year old daughter Carsyn Therese; cherished daughter of Margaret (Chuck) Boersema and Mark (Laura) Harwood; beloved granddaughter of the late Robert and Augustine Mikos and the late Victor and Martha Harwood; treasured sister of Tracy (Sam) Benetatos, Christopher and Joshua Boersema; adored auntie of Luke and Quinn Benetatos and Noah Rivard; loving god daughter to Mary Therese and the late Robert J. Mikos, Jr.; dear niece, cousin and friend of many.
In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org/donate would be appreciated.
Visitation Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. (Blessing at 4:00 p.m.) at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL.
The interment will be private. For more information www.cumberlandchapels.com or call (708)456-8300.

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Iorgulescu, Jorge

Jorge Iorgulescu, age 87; beloved husband of Beatriz Esther Iorgulescu Cobeñas; brother to the late Teodoro Iorgulescu; loving father of Lionel (Sharon Hipskind) Iorgulescu, Andrew (Maté Schissler) Iorgulescu and the late Capt. Bernardo Iorgulescu, USMC; cherished grandfather of Gabriel, Sofia Lynn, Luca, and Marco. Jorge will be missed by his loving family and friends in the United States, Argentina and throughout the world. Memorial Visitation, Friday, January 20th, 10:00 AM until a Celebration of Life at 12:30 PM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant Street, Hinsdale. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to, the Ryan Opera Center, (https://www.lyricopera.org/support-lyric/donate) or the American Opera Society Chicago (https://americanoperasocietyofchicago.org/donate), are appreciated. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.

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Jacobson (Ford), Deborah E. 'Debbie'

73 Years old, passed away at her home after her battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Kenneth Jacobson, Step-Children: Stacy (Jacobson) Schimmel (Bill), Kelly (Jacobson) Doering (Tom), Matt Jacobson (Stephanie). Grandchildren: Lizzie Schimmel, Annie Brown (Keaton), Nicolas Doering (Marina), Billy Schimmel, Steven Schimmel and Maddie Doering.
Born on August 3, 1949 to Beverly (Hiller) Ford and Dean Ford. Debbie graduated from Lyons Township High School (67), She married Ken Jacobson on December 9, 1977. Debbie was a realtor, animal lover, accomplished horse whisperer and gardener. A private service is planned.

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Kromelis, Joseph

Joseph Kromelis

"Chicago's Walking Man", Joseph Kromelis passed away December 11, 2022. Born on January 13th, 1947, in Germany to loving parents, the late Jonas and Gertrude Kromelis; cherished brother of Erika (Jim) Singree, and the late John Kromelis, Irene Vaitkus, Bruno Kromelis and Peter (Linda) Kromelis; dear uncle of Vytas (Vilija) Vaitkus, Jami Merz, Laura (Bill) Maculis and Irene. Great uncle to multiple nieces and nephews. A familiar presence in downtown Chicago, Kromelis earned his nickname for wandering the streets day and night. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60607, www.mercyhome.org are appreciated. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home** Hinsdale. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.

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Rees, Margaret Ann 'Peggy'

Margaret Ann "Peggy" Rees, nee Costello, age 88 of Tinley Park, IL passed away on Monday, January 16, 2023. Loving mother of Kathleen (Steven) Rees, the late Michael Rees, Maria (Bill) Maguire, the late Joan Rees and Carol (Kent) DeVries. Dear sister of the late Therese Costello and Rita (Jim) Bird. Cherished grandmother of Christopher, Patrick and Michael Rees, Bryan (Nicole) Maguire, Colleen (Casey) Fisher, Carly and Keagan DeVries. Adored great-grandmother of Ava, Owen, Ian Maguire, Emma and Ben Fisher. Peggy was a second grade teacher in South Holland, IL for over 30 years. Peggy was a generous volunteer, abundantly giving to numerous organizations. She was a knitter, quilter, reader and loved conquering the latest crossword puzzle. She was a loving friend to many. Visitation Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave, Oak Lawn, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations in Margaret's name to the Sisters of Mercy would be most appreciated. For funeral info: 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Shapiro, Gwendolyn Marcia Rabin

83 years old, beloved wife of Robert Irving Shapiro for 62 years. Mother to Susan Shapiro, Linda Shapiro Porter, Dr. Debbie Shapiro and Judy (Mike) Morgan. Sister-in-law to Nathan (Randy) Shapiro and the late Norton (Barbara) Shapiro. Loving Grandmother and Great Grandmother to many, Aunt and Great Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Member of the AEPhi sorority, avid supporter of AAEJ, board member of Hadassah. She was the matriarch of our family, and best friend to many. Let her memory be for a blessing.

Graveside Service at Westlawn Cemetery, Thursday at 1:30 pm.

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Sherman, Sidney

Sidney "Sid" Sherman, Chicagoland Automotive Dealer for 40+ years, passed away at the age of 86.
Sid was a self-made man who started in the car business as a "mechanic" and gradually worked his way up through the rankings and purchased his first dealership, Elmhurst AMC/Jeep on Grand Ave in the mid 70's. He went on to open Lombard Lincoln-Mercury, Montgomery Lincoln-Mercury and his pride and joy; Schaumburg Jeep, where he continued to build his family legacy with his daughter and son. He later went on to partner with his children in Sherman Dodge and Schaumburg Kia. He was a hard driven man who demanded the best of his many employees over the years. He always instilled in his employees that whatever knowledge he could give them; he hoped would be used to improve their own lives. He pushed everyone to be the best they could be.
Sid was a die-hard Cubs and Bears fan. He loved to golf with his best friends, Vito and Willis, and his son and son-in-law.
He leaves behind his loving wife Avis (nee Greenberg) Sherman; loving daughter Yvonne (Chris) Capparelli and son Gregg (Lisa) Sherman; loving grandchildren Samantha, Grant, Nicholas, Francesca, Gino, and Marissa; siblings Gail (Tom) Jones; great grandchildren Riley and Brantley; and nephews Michael and Jeffrey, and niece Kelly.
Memorial Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Palm Court Restaurant, 1912 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

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Silverman, Flora

Flora (Bass) Silverman was born on June 7, 1925, in Chicago, Ill., to Sam and Clara Bass. Flo was married to Hyman for over 70 years and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is remembered with great love by her children Brian (Helen), Ronnie (Bonnie), and Steven; her ten grandchildren; and her seven great-grandchildren. Her brother, Jerry, pre-deceased Flora. Graveside services will be at 11 am Friday, January 20, 2023, at Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights, Ill. Shiva will be from 1 to 5 pm after the graveside service at Lincolnwood Place, 7000 N. McCormick Blvd., Lincolnwood, Ill., 60712. To attend the funeral livestream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Taxey, Paul Jacobi

Paul J. Taxey, 91, recently of Dallas, Texas, passed on January 15, 2023. Paul was born on November 4, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois. After attending Marshall High School, he went on to study biology, philosophy and education at the University of Chicago. He spent over 40 years teaching biological sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Paul was predeceased by and joins his parents Samuel Reeven Taxey and Esther Samuels Taxey as well as his grandson Nick Ontiveros. He is survived by his children, Basha (Eddie) Ontiveros, Jude (Thinh) Nguyen, Suzy (Akshay) Singh and grandchildren Laney Ontiveros, Anya Nguyen, Aden Nguyen, Suhani Singh and Ariana Singh. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Jewish Children and Family Services.

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Taylor, John "Jack" William

John "Jack" William Taylor, 97, of Buffalo Grove. For obituary and funeral service information, go to www.glueckertfh.com or 847-253-0168.

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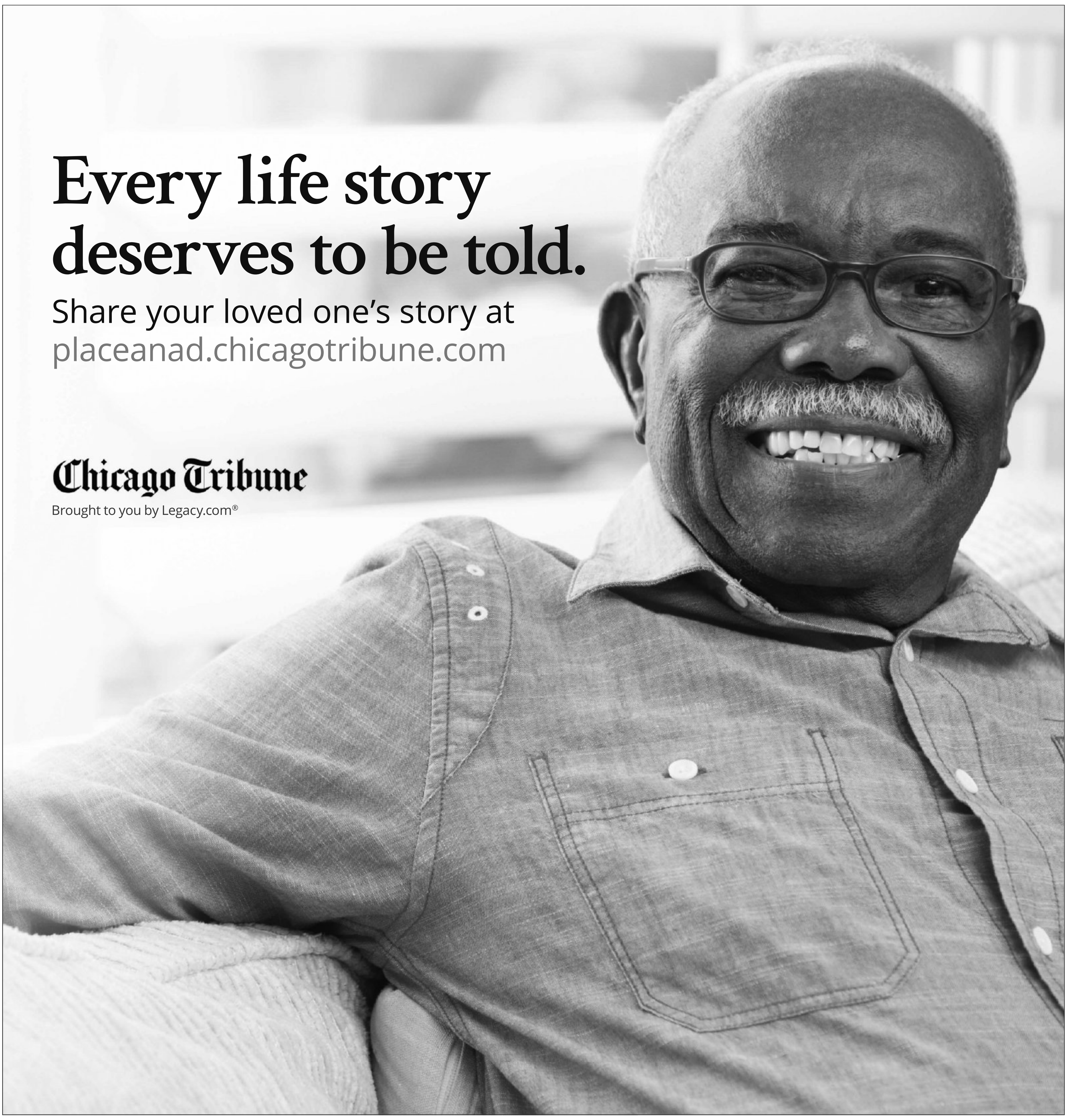

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CONTACT: Kenya Harrison-Bonner, Senior Procurement Specialist
EMAIL: Kenya.Harrison-Bonner@CityofChicago.org
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1. Notice is given of the death of BRIAN L. WISCHNEFSKI, who died on August 5, 2022, a resident of Plainfield, IL.
2. The Representative for the estate and his address is:
David J. Wischnefski
12720 Brockton Lane North
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3. The Attorney for the estate and her address is:
Margaret A. Kramer
Dreyer, Foote, Streit, Furgason & Slocum, P.A.
1999 W. Downer Pl.
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4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before July 17, 2023. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 100 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
5. On December 9, 2022, an Order Appointing the Representative was entered.
6. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 1/2, Par. 28-4).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. MARCUS T. GATLIN AKA MARCUS GATLIN AKA MARCUS TERRELL GATLIN; MARYNOOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH DOYLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 18CH11825 Property Address: 5919 West 63rd Place Chicago, IL 60638 Lyle Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 56 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH DOYLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 3 IN CLEAR PARK, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 19-20-204-020-0000 Said property is commonly known as 5919 West 63rd Place, Chicago, IL 60638 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1406534014, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-929406
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION AXIOM FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ELIO VIVACQUA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC; VILLAGE OF NORRIDGE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022CH09670 Property Address: 4126 N. OKETO AVE. NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Perkins Calendar Chancery/Foreclosure Calendar 62 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; ELIO VIVACQUA ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 167 IN VOLK BROTHERS SECOND ADDITION TO SHAW ESTATES BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 2, 1925 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 8760260 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 12-13-408-027-0000 Said property is commonly known as 4126 N. OKETO AVE., NORRIDGE, IL 60706 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0615011043 , and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8120-929410
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Mary E Patterson, Village of Maywood, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendant(s). 2022CH11411 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: MARY E PATTERSON, Village of Maywood, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Lot 3 and the South Half of Lot 2 in Abigail L Daniel`s Subdivision of Block 17 of Smith`s Addition to Maywood, a Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter and the East 693 feet of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 39 North, Range 12 recorded July 14, 1893 as Document 103912, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 305 South 11th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153 and which said mortgage was made by, Mary E. Patterson, single never married; Mortgagor(s), to Preferred Mortgage Associates, LTD.; Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 98352172; and for other relief. **CASE MANAGEMENT HEARING** 1/23/23 @ 9:30AM, Judge Marian E. Perkins, by Zoom** Meeting ID: 941 2445 6665 Password: 486865 Dial in Number: 312-626-6799 UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before FEBRUARY 20, 2023 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff Attorney No: 46689 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: (312) 239-3432 Fax: (312) 284-4820 pleadings@rsmalaw.com File No:22IL00233-1 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this firm may be deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 8120-929581
1/19, 1/26, 2/2/20237363903

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC PLAINTIFF, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS & LEGATEES OF MATTIE SLOAN, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2022CH12077 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7832 S EBERHART AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60619 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS & LEGATEES OF MATTIE SLOAN, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Cook County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows: LOT 5 IN WILLIAM H. MAHON'S RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 11 TO 18, BOTH INCLUSIVE, IN REID'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 7832 S EBERHART AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60619 PIN: 20-27-425-029-000 Said mortgage was executed by MATTIE SLOAN, as mortgagor(s) and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as mortgagee, on 6/19/2006 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document Number 0617443142 . E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 02/13/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. Thomas LaSalle 6340111 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC Firm ID: 65582 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 22-023952 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8120-929444
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Meteorologists Phil Schwarz, Cheryl Scott, Tracy Butler, Larry Mowry and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Cloudy and breezy. Fog and drizzle in the morning. Scattered rain showers later in the day. Rain showers will end as some scattered snow showers.

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High	43	35	33	34	35	37
Low	30	27	30	27	29	28
	Rain and snow showers this afternoon	Low clouds may break; colder	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun	A little snow; breezy in the afternoon	Clouds giving way to some sun	Mostly cloudy
POP	90%	10%	10%	60%	5%	15%
Winds	SW 8-16 mph	WNW 10-20 mph	SW 7-14 mph	NNW 8-16 mph	SW 6-12 mph	SSE 6-12 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Thursday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
RealFeel Temperature®	36	38	41	30	28	24	24

Thursday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Outdoor Activities Index	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fishing Index	0	2	2	0	0	0	0

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Outdoor Activities and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Wednesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	**40**
Low	**36**
Normal high	**31**
Normal low	**18**
Record high	**61** (1996)
Record low	**-21** (1994)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Wednesday

			Normal	
Location	**Hi**	**Lo**	**Hi**	**Lo**
Aurora	38	32	30	14
Gary	39	37	33	19
Kankakee	38	35	32	16
Lansing	38	33	32	17
Midway	39	36	32	19
Romeoville	38	35	31	16
Valparaiso	38	35	34	18
Waukegan	40	36	30	15

Wednesday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Wednesday*	0.00”	0.00”	0.07”
Month to date	1.50”	0.36”	1.21”
Year to date	1.50”	0.36”	1.21”
Snowfall			
Wednesday*	0.0”	0.0”	0.4”
Month to date	0.4”	4.7”	6.1”
Season to date	4.7”	6.6”	15.7”

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Wednesday

Air Quality Index

Wednesday's reading

Moderate

Thursday's forecast

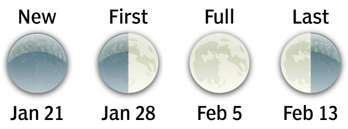
Good

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

	Thu.	Fri.
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:13 a.m.
Sunset	4:49 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
Moonrise	5:24 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
Moonset	2:06 p.m.	3:15 p.m.

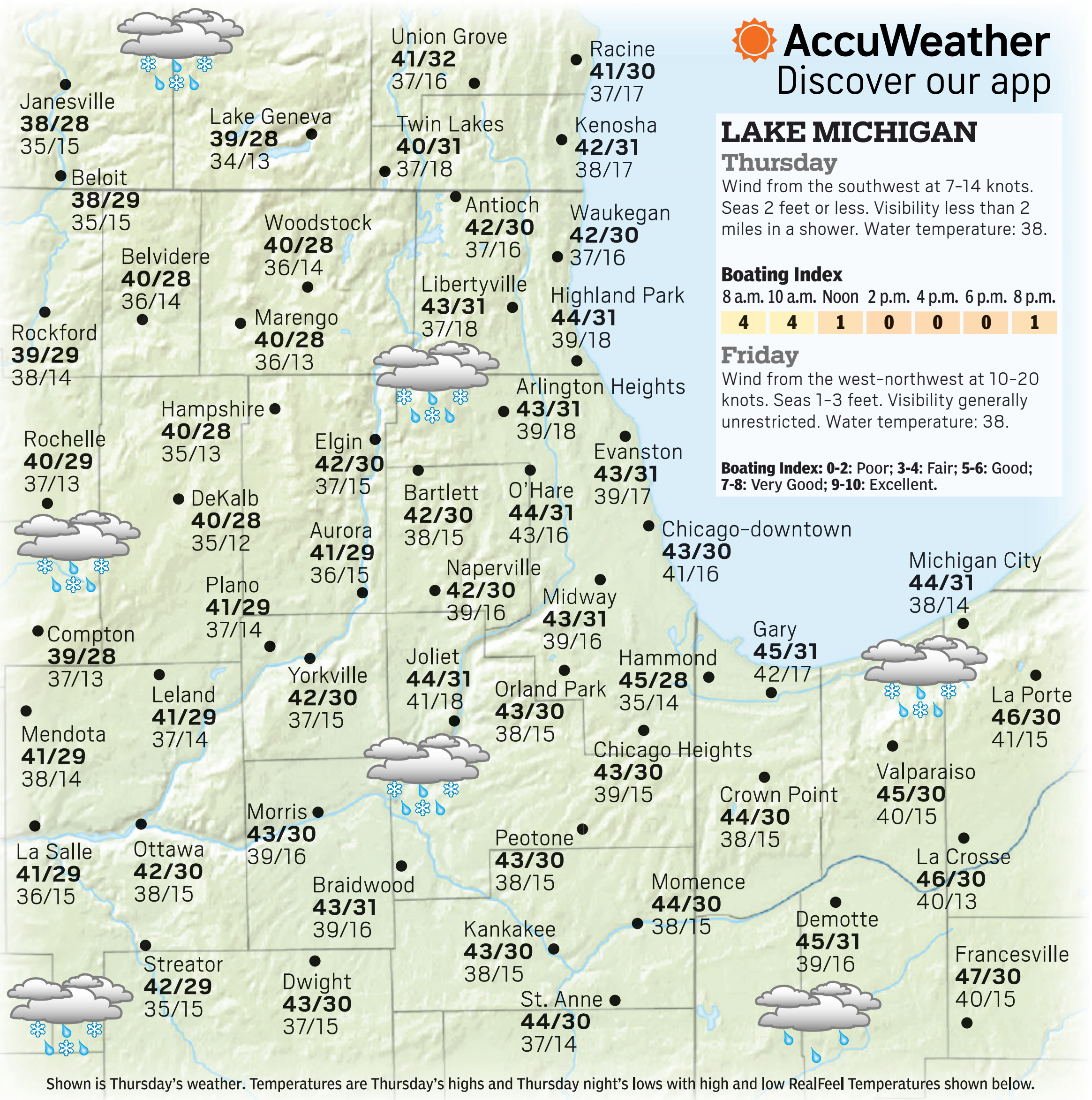


New	First	Full	Last
Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 5	Feb 13

Thursday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:45 a.m.	3:16 p.m.
Venus	8:27 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Mars	12:42 p.m.	4:02 a.m.
Jupiter	10:06 a.m.	10:15 p.m.
Saturn	8:34 a.m.	6:53 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 6:05 p.m. Mars: 6:05 p.m. Jupiter: 6:05 p.m. Saturn: 6:05 p.m. Mercury: 6:45 a.m.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Beloit 38/29 35/15
Lake Geneva 39/28 34/13
Union Grove 41/32 37/16
Twin Lakes 40/31 37/18
Racine 41/30 37/17
Kenosha 42/31 38/17
Woodstock 40/28 36/14
Antioch 42/30 37/16
Waukegan 42/30 37/16
Belvidere 40/28 36/14
Libertyville 43/31 37/18
Highland Park 44/31 39/18
Rockford 39/29 38/14
Marengo 40/28 36/13
Arlington Heights 43/31 39/18
Hampshire 40/28 35/13
Rochelle 40/29 37/13
Elgin 42/30 37/15
Evanston 43/31 39/17
Bartlett 42/30 38/15
O'Hare 44/31 43/16
DeKalb 40/28 35/12
Aurora 41/29 36/15
Chicago-downtown 43/30 41/16
Naperville 42/30 39/16
Plano 41/29 37/14
Midway 43/31 39/16
Michigan City 44/31 38/14
Compton 39/28 37/13
Gary 45/31 42/17
Hammond 45/28 35/14
Leland 41/29 37/14
Yorkville 42/30 37/15
Joliet 44/31 41/18
Orland Park 43/30 38/15
La Porte 46/30 41/15
Mendota 41/29 38/14
Chicago Heights 43/30 39/15
Valparaiso 45/30 40/15
Crown Point 44/30 38/15
Morris 43/30 39/16
La Salle 41/29 36/15
Ottawa 42/30 38/15
Peotone 43/30 38/15
La Crosse 46/30 40/13
Braidwood 43/31 39/16
Momence 44/30 38/15
Demotte 45/31 39/16
Kankakee 43/30 38/15
Francesville 47/30 40/15
Streator 42/29 35/15
Dwight 43/30 37/15
St. Anne 44/30 37/14

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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Thursday

Wind from the southwest at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 2 miles in a shower. Water temperature: 38.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
4	4	1	0	0	0	1

Friday

Wind from the west-northwest at 10-20 knots. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 38.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

ASK abc7

Larry Mowry

QUESTION: Can you share the lake level information?

Brad – Winnetka

ANSWER: Lake Michigan is currently at 578.87 feet, which is the measurement of the water level above sea level. This is 16 inches above the long-term average for this time of year. The level is 7 inches lower than last January. The lake is projected to drop another inch over the next month according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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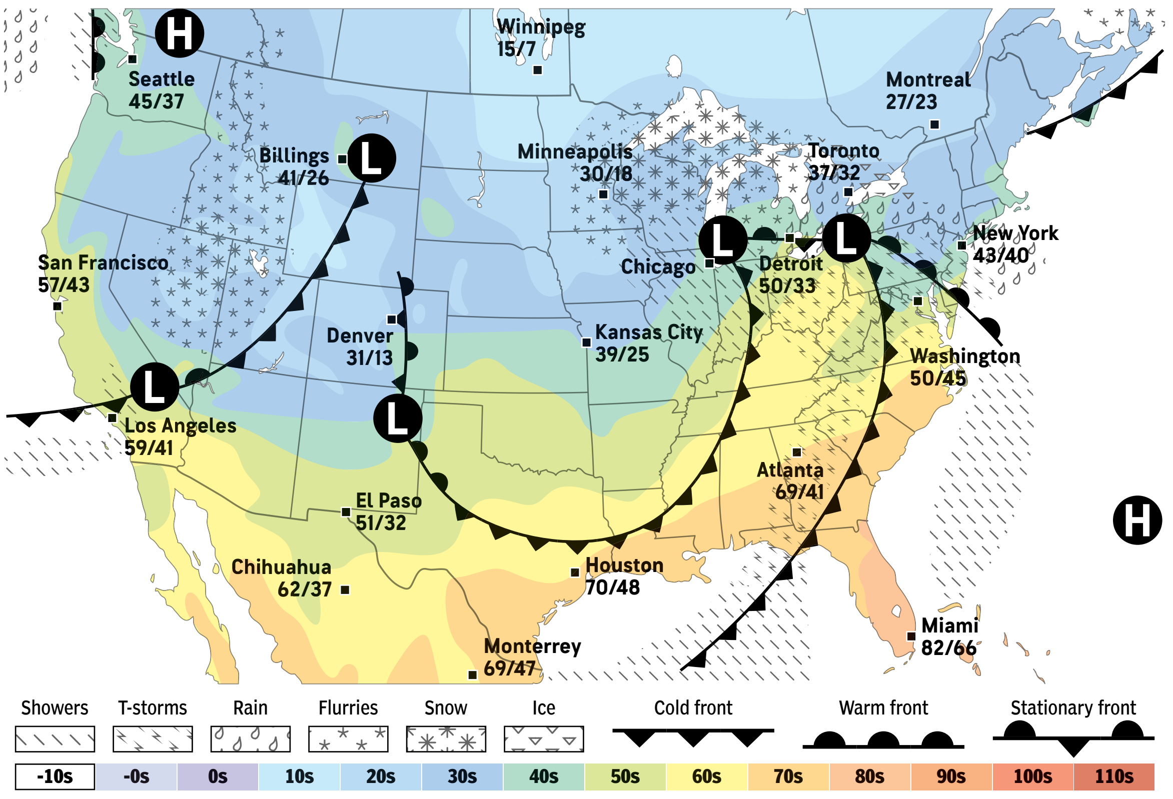
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El Paso 51/32
Atlanta 69/41
Chihuahua 62/37
Houston 70/48
Monterrey 69/47
Miami 82/66
Showers
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Cold front
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REGIONAL CITIES

	Thu.	Fri.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Illinois		
Carbondale	49/30/c	42/26/s
Champaign	44/28/sh	34/23/s
Decatur	44/28/c	35/23/s
Moline	39/28/sn	31/22/c
Peoria	41/28/sh	34/24/pc
Quincy	39/26/sn	36/21/s
Rockford	39/29/sn	32/22/c
Springfield	42/28/c	35/22/s
Sterling	39/29/sn	33/23/c
Indiana		
Bloomington	56/30/sh	36/24/pc
Evansville	55/31/c	41/27/s
Fort Wayne	52/32/sh	36/26/sf
Indianapolis	54/29/c	34/26/pc
Lafayette	51/30/sh	35/24/pc
South Bend	48/32/sn	34/26/sf
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	34/26/sn	31/16/c
Kenosha	42/31/sn	34/25/c
La Crosse	33/22/sn	28/19/c
Madison	34/26/sn	30/19/c
Milwaukee	41/30/sn	33/25/c
Wausau	34/25/sn	27/13/c
Michigan		
Detroit	50/33/r	37/28/c
Grand Rapids	43/32/sn	33/30/sf
Marquette	27/21/sn	25/11/sf
Sault Ste. Marie	28/21/sn	27/12/c
Traverse City	37/30/sn	32/27/sf
Iowa		
Ames	30/17/sn	27/19/c
Cedar Rapids	32/21/sn	25/17/c
Des Moines	31/17/sn	29/19/c
Dubuque	34/24/sn	28/17/c

NATIONAL CITIES

	Thu.	Fri.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Abilene	61/40/s	64/43/pc
Albany, NY	34/31/i	38/27/sn
Albuquerque	40/25/s	40/23/c
Amarillo	51/28/s	54/26/c
Anchorage	29/26/sn	31/27/c
Asheville	61/36/t	49/29/s
Aspen	27/10/c	25/6/sn
Atlanta	69/41/t	57/36/pc
Atlantic City	51/45/r	50/34/pc
Austin	69/44/pc	59/44/pc
Baltimore	47/43/r	50/32/pc
Billings	41/26/pc	40/28/pc
Birmingham	69/39/t	55/36/pc
Bismarck	20/14/c	26/19/c
Boise	36/21/sn	34/19/pc
Boston	41/36/r	39/30/sn
Brownsville	78/63/pc	76/64/sh
Buffalo	42/35/i	36/29/sn
Burlington, VT	31/28/sn	35/21/sn
Charleston, SC	74/51/pc	67/46/s
Charleston, WV	65/38/t	41/30/sf
Charlotte	67/42/c	59/33/s
Chattanooga	70/38/t	54/32/c
Cheyenne	35/10/pc	25/10/c
Cincinnati	60/32/t	35/29/pc
Cleveland	56/34/r	35/29/c
Colorado Spgs	41/22/pc	31/16/c
Columbia, MO	40/25/c	41/26/s
Columbia, SC	73/46/c	63/37/s
Columbus, OH	62/34/t	37/30/sf
Concord	39/30/sn	33/21/sn
Corpus Christi	77/58/pc	63/54/c
Dallas	60/39/s	61/43/pc
Daytona Beach	81/63/pc	74/55/c
Denver	31/13/c	22/14/c
Duluth	27/11/sn	20/13/c
El Paso	51/32/pc	59/30/pc
Fairbanks	3/-2/pc	8/0/pc
Fargo	18/8/pc	26/17/c
Flagstaff	33/19/s	27/5/sn
Fort Myers	81/66/pc	83/64/c
Fort Smith	50/33/s	55/33/pc
Fresno	54/37/pc	54/33/s
Grand Junction	33/26/sn	34/14/sn
Great Falls	38/22/sn	37/24/c
Harrisburg	43/39/r	48/37/c
Hartford	39/33/r	39/32/sn
Helena, MT	32/18/c	32/19/pc
Honolulu	79/64/pc	82/70/pc
Houston	70/48/pc	57/50/c
Int'l Falls	21/5/sn	23/15/c
Jackson, MS	67/40/pc	58/40/pc
Jacksonville	80/53/pc	72/46/pc
Juneau	41/38/sh	42/36/r
Kansas City	39/25/sf	45/24/pc
Las Vegas	49/36/pc	50/34/s
Lexington	64/34/c	39/25/pc
Lincoln	30/7/sf	28/17/pc
Little Rock	55/35/s	53/34/pc
Los Angeles	59/41/c	61/42/s
Louisville	64/35/pc	42/31/pc
Macon	74/42/t	62/41/pc
Memphis	55/36/s	50/36/pc
Miami	82/66/s	83/67/c
Minneapolis	30/18/sn	24/17/c
Mobile	73/45/t	63/46/pc
Montgomery	75/42/t	59/44/pc
Nashville	67/37/pc	48/30/pc
New Orleans	72/51/t	60/51/pc
New York City	43/40/r	47/35/c
Norfolk	68/51/sh	55/38/s
Oklahoma City	51/31/s	56/35/pc
Omaha	29/10/sf	24/16/pc
Orlando	82/65/pc	79/55/c
Palm Beach	82/62/pc	81/67/pc
Palm Springs	62/45/pc	65/45/s
Philadelphia	46/43/r	50/34/c
Phoenix	60/43/s	57/38/pc
Pittsburgh	56/35/t	36/28/sf
Portland, ME	39/29/pc	31/23/sn
Portland, OR	46/32/pc	48/33/c
Providence	43/36/r	38/30/sn
Raleigh	71/47/c	58/33/s
Rapid City	45/24/pc	38/22/c
Reno	36/15/sf	35/20/s
Richmond	64/46/r	55/32/s
Rochester	40/35/i	36/29/sn
Sacramento	54/34/pc	55/30/s
St. Louis	44/29/c	41/27/s
Salem, OR	47/29/pc	48/31/c
Salt Lake City	36/26/sn	38/18/sn
San Antonio	71/47/pc	63/48/c
San Diego	60/47/pc	63/44/s
San Francisco	57/43/pc	56/41/s
San Juan	84/71/pc	83/71/pc
Santa Fe	36/18/s	38/17/sn
Savannah	77/50/c	66/46/pc
Seattle	45/37/c	48/38/c
Shreveport	63/37/s	60/39/pc
Sioux Falls	25/9/sf	23/18/c
Spokane	36/24/pc	35/25/c
Syracuse	38/34/i	39/29/sn
Tallahassee	78/46/t	70/49/pc
Tampa	77/65/pc	76/59/c
Topeka	40/23/c	44/25/pc
Tucson	60/37/s	55/29/pc
Tulsa	50/28/s	52/33/s
Washington, DC	50/45/r	52/36/pc
Wichita	45/24/pc	49/30/pc
Wilkes-Barre	40/39/r	43/34/sn
Yuma	63/44/s	63/43/s

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

	Thu.	Fri.
City	**Hi/Lo/W**	**Hi/Lo/W**
Acapulco	83/67/s	84/67/pc
Algiers	58/45/r	57/42/r
Amsterdam	42/31/sn	40/28/sn
Ankara	55/24/c	56/28/s
Athens	66/56/s	60/52/pc
Auckland	78/62/s	78/65/pc
Baghdad	66/44/s	66/41/s
Bangkok	88/70/pc	88/72/pc
Barbados	84/76/s	83/75/s
Barcelona	55/42/pc	56/36/pc
Beijing	41/10/pc	32/9/pc
Beirut	69/55/s	71/57/s
Berlin	37/29/pc	37/28/c
Bermuda	71/64/c	73/67/pc
Bogota	65/49/r	66/48/t
Brussels	39/29/sn	40/27/sn
Bucharest	66/46/s	56/30/r
Budapest	39/29/r	39/26/c
Bueno Aires	86/75/pc	87/72/t
Cairo	72/53/s	72/50/s
Cancun	82/75/sh	83/72/sh
Caracas	87/72/s	85/71/pc
Casablanca	62/37/s	63/45/s
Copenhagen	39/33/c	39/31/c
Dublin	39/29/c	43/35/r
Edmonton	27/14/pc	33/20/c
Frankfurt	37/29/sf	37/29/pc
Geneva	36/24/pc	35/24/sf
Guadalajara	81/40/pc	82/42/pc
Havana	85/59/s	86/62/pc
Helsinki	34/20/sn	32/13/c
Hong Kong	66/57/s	71/59/s
Istanbul	64/49/pc	61/49/s
Jerusalem	61/42/s	63/44/s
Johannesburg	83/63/t	85/60/c
Kabul	39/21/c	36/18/pc
Kingston	87/72/pc	87/74/pc
Kyiv	48/43/c	48/32/c
Lima	75/68/c	76/68/c
Lisbon	56/53/pc	62/53/c
London	41/31/pc	43/30/pc
Madrid	47/43/pc	55/35/pc
Manila	88/77/r	87/76/r
Mexico City	79/45/pc	79/45/pc
Monterrey	69/47/pc	69/54/c
Montreal	27/23/c	28/14/sn
Moscow	40/36/sn	41/30/r
Munich	33/24/c	32/26/sf
Nairobi	84/59/pc	80/59/pc
Nassau	81/64/s	83/67/c
New Delhi	66/48/pc	66/49/pc
Oslo	32/20/c	27/9/c
Ottawa	25/22/sn	28/14/sn
Panama City	91/73/pc	90/72/pc
Paris	40/30/sn	42/34/pc
Prague	33/25/c	32/27/c
Rio de Janeiro	83/75/t	84/73/r
Riyadh	65/41/pc	66/45/s
Rome	53/36/r	49/39/pc
Santiago	84/56/s	86/55/s
Seoul	42/25/pc	33/8/s
Singapore	87/76/t	87/76/r
Sofia	62/43/pc	47/31/r
Stockholm	32/26/c	34/25/c
Sydney	69/66/r	72/66/r
Taipei	64/58/c	62/59/r
Tehran	49/33/s	49/34/s
Tokyo	51/42/pc	55/40/s
Toronto	37/32/i	36/28/sn
Trinidad	84/75/pc	84/75/c
Vancouver	44/37/c	46/39/c
Vienna	38/28/c	37/30/c
Warsaw	37/31/c	34/29/c
Winnipeg	15/7/c	23/11/c

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BUSINESS

WAUKEGAN

Amazon cited for more OSHA violations

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Amazon has been cited a second time for alleged workplace violations at a facility in Waukegan, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration said Wednesday.

The agency said its investigators found Amazon warehouse workers, including in Waukegan, were at high risk for low back injuries and musculoskeletal disorders linked to the frequency with which they are required to lift heavy items, including packages. In December, Amazon was cited by OSHA for allegedly failing to properly record serious injuries at the same Waukegan facility in addition to five other facilities around the country.

In a phone call with reporters Wednesday, OSHA Assistant Secretary Doug Parker said Amazon workers experienced damage to muscles, nerves, tendons and joints brought on by "sudden and repetitive movements over time." Musculoskeletal injuries like the kind suffered by Amazon workers included low back disorders, damage to the spinal disc, and hip, shoulder and hand injuries, Parker said.

In addition to the citation in Waukegan, which OSHA classified as "serious," Amazon was cited for similar alleged violations at two facilities in Florida and New York. Investigations are ongoing at other warehouses in Colorado, Idaho and New York.

OSHA fined Amazon $15,625 for alleged violations in Waukegan, the maximum penalty allowed, Parker said.

OSHA also issued what is called a "hazard letter" for the Waukegan facility, which alleges workers were injured after being hit by items heavier than 50 pounds. A hazard letter is not a citation, and does not come with proposed penalties.

In a statement, Amazon spokesperson Kelly Nantel said the company "strongly" disagreed with the allegations and planned to appeal.

"The vast majority of our employees tell us they feel our workplace is safe," Nantel said in a statement Wednesday. "We look forward to sharing more during our appeal about the numerous safety innovations, process improvements, and investments we're making to further reduce injuries."

OSHA said reviews of injury logs at Amazon facilities revealed high rates of musculoskeletal disorders among Amazon workers. In 2021, the industrywide rate of injuries requiring warehouse workers to take time away from work, submit to work restrictions or transfer to lighter duties was 4.7 injuries for every 100 workers, Parker said.

Amazon's average was almost double the national average, at nine such injuries per 100 workers, OSHA said. The Waukegan facility saw a rate of 8.5 injuries per 100 workers. The Florida facility cited had a rate of 15 such injuries per 100 workers, and the New York facility had a rate of 14.7 per 100, the agency said.

In December, OSHA cited Amazon for allegedly failing to properly record injuries at the same Waukegan facility. The agency alleged Amazon misclassified certain injuries as not requiring time off work or a job transfer or restriction in cases in which they did so. In one case, the company misclassified a Waukegan worker's head injury as a muscle strain, the agency said at the time.

Amazon has appealed the record keeping citations and said it has never intentionally misrepresented its safety record.

Parker said Wednesday the record keeping investigation was ongoing. "I can't say a lot about the record keeping violations except to say that we're always very concerned when we find that record keeping is incomplete," he said.

OSHA first opened the inspections into Amazon warehouses last summer after referrals from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

In a statement Wednesday, the SDNY said its civil division was investigating whether Amazon had "engaged in a fraudulent scheme designed to hide the true number of injuries" at Amazon and whether the company had "made false representations to lenders about those injuries and its safety record to obtain credit."

CLEAR THE AIR

United expects big year for travel, despite concerns about inflation

By David Koenig | Associated Press

United Airlines reported fourth-quarter profit and revenue higher than Wall Street expectations and gave a bullish 2023 forecast that assumes people will keep traveling despite inflation and concern about the economy.

After the stock market closed Tuesday, United said it earned $843 million in the quarter.

The Chicago-based airline said it is seeing strong demand for flights extending into the new year, which will help the company cover expected increases in labor costs as it negotiates new union contracts.

United predicted that its first-quarter earnings per share will easily top analysts' expectations. Its stock rose modestly, less than 2%, in after-market trading.

The report from United comes on the heels of upbeat comments by its closest rivals, Delta Air Lines and American Airlines.

Officials with all three carriers say that consumers are still booking travel despite concern about the economy — tech companies in particular have been laying off workers — and high inflation.

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Airline tickets are contributing to inflation. In December, they cost 28.5% more than a year earlier, according to government figures.

United passengers paid on average 25.5% more per mile than a year ago, and 20.8% more than in late 2019.

Those higher fares are due to strong demand and a limited number of flights as airlines continue to rebuild operations that were slashed after the pandemic devastated air travel.

United said in a regulatory filing that the number of flights this year will be held down by a pilot shortage, the need to keep bigger staffs as a cushion against COVID-10 sick calls, delays in getting new planes, and technology limits.

Most major airlines say they are fully staffed now, although they are catching up on training thousands of new workers, including pilots.

United said its fourth-quarter profit worked out to $2.46 per share after excluding certain items. That beat Wall Street's mean forecast of $2.11 per share in adjusted profit, according to a survey by FactSet.

Revenue was $12.4 billion.

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Company officials were scheduled to hold a call with analysts on Wednesday.

Delta reported last week that it made $828 million in the fourth quarter, but it gave a disappointing outlook for first-quarter profit because, it said, it included the potential cost of a new contract with pilots that — if ratified in the weeks ahead — would be retroactive to Jan. 1.

Also last week, American Airlines raised expectations for results that it will post on Jan. 26.

Below, a United Airlines flight from West Palm Beach, Florida, taxis at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey last week. The Chicago-based airline said it is seeing strong demand for flights extending into the new year, which will help the company cover expected increases in labor costs as it negotiates new union contracts. **TED SHAFFREY/AP**

Golf dome with virtual course, more heading to Oswego

By Linda Girardi
For Beacon-News

The Oswego Village Board has approved plans for a proposed 66- to 69-foot-high air-supported golf dome on vacant land just west of Orchard Road.

Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, an 18-hole public golf course in Yorkville, recently was granted approval of a special use permit and final planned unit development to build and operate an indoor golf dome and restaurant at the southwest corner of Lewis Street and Station Drive.

The facility will offer rounds of golf played on virtual courses, practice sessions with digital ball flight analysis, a practice putting green, equipment sales, golf lessons and training, food and beverage service and more, according to information provided to the village by developers.

Voting in favor were Oswego Trustees Tom Guist, James Marter, Jennifer Jones Sinnot, Kit Kuhrt and Brian Thomas. Trustee Terry Olson abstained from voting on the project.

The development is in keeping with the commercial land use designation for the site in the village's comprehensive plan, village officials said.

Yorkville attorney Dan Kramer and future facility manager Ron Walker explained details of the proposed golf dome to the trustees.

Kramer said the land west of Orchard Road was primed for development years ago. However, the economic downturn in 2007 stalled projects.

"We thought the land was going to blossom out there years ago," Kramer said. "You've had a lot of weeds and vacant land … we think this would be a productive use for the village."

The fabric building will be 200 feet by 350 feet with the height ranging from 66 to 69 feet, Walker said.

"It's basically 70,000 square feet of dome space," Walker told trustees.

Guist inquired how the dome will handle bad weather.

"Years back I remember a dome collapsed in a significant ice storm," Guist said.

"Ice is definitely the biggest hazard," Walker said. "The new domes have inflation warning systems that activate inflation fans to make the dome more stable."

The newer domes have heating capabilities to melt snow and a backup generator in times of power loss as well, he said.

"The technology has gone a long way with alarms. Someone just has to be there to actively handle it," Walker said.

The base of the dome will be raised and there will be an asphalt road around the facility for maintenance purposes, he said.

The dome fabric typically has a life expectancy of about 20 to 25 years, he added.

Inside, the dome will have two levels each with 15 golf bays.

The site could one day feature miniature golf, but there are no official plans as yet for that, Kramer said.

Construction is planned to begin in the spring, he said.

The plan is for the facility to operate from October through April with its full winter program, and in the spring and summer continue with a more limited operation.

The golf dome plans to be open during its primary winter season from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. The owner expects to hire 10 full-time employees and 20 to 30 part-time workers.

The golf dome could host up to 120 golfers every hour, village officials said.

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Dec. retail sales drop 1.1% with inflation taking a toll

Leading trade group: Purchases amid the holiday season weaker than expected

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans cut back on spending in December, the second consecutive month they've done so, underscoring how inflation and the rising cost of using credit cards slowed consumer activity over the crucial holiday shopping season.

Retail sales fell a worse-than-expected 1.1% in December, following a revised 1% drop in November, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. In October, retail sales ticked up 1.3%, helped by early holiday shopping

Auto sales declined as rising interest rates for auto loans crimped demand. That, and falling gas prices, helped to pull overall retail sales lower. The December figure marked the biggest monthly decline in 2022.

The Fed raised its key interest rate in December for the seventh time in 2022 for exactly that reason as it tries to cool spending and inflation.

Excluding sales from auto and gasoline, retail sales slipped 0.7% Retail sales are not adjusted for inflation unlike many other government reports. Higher prices inflate sales, while lower prices push sales down.

December spending may also have been trimmed by an early start to the shopping season after last year's mess involving the supply chain.

Also on Wednesday, the National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail group, said holiday sales in November and December rose a weaker-than-expected 5.3%, based on its calculations of the government figures.

It marked a dramatic slowdown from the 2021 holiday season when sales spiked 13.5%.

"There are cracks appearing in the resiliency that consumers have shown in 2022, as higher prices, interest rate increases and the uncertainty of the macroeconomic environment finally take their toll," Moody's Vice President Mickey Chadha said.

Low unemployment and wage gains have supported consumer spending, but Chadha said in coming months, Moody's expects consumers to be increasingly "selective" in their spending in the first half of the year.

According to the data released Wednesday, sales dropped 1.1% at electronics and appliance stores; furniture and home furnishing stores saw a 2.5% drop. And department stores suffered a 6.6% decline. Sales at online retailers fell 1.1%. Restaurants also saw a drop. Painful price hikes for food have cooled a bit and there was a slight increase in sales last month.

Solid hiring, rising pay, and savings beefed up by government financial support during the pandemic enabled most Americans to keep up with rising prices. That government assistance has long ended, however, and some Americans have dipped into savings accounts since then. Credit card defaults are on the rise with some households slow to adjust their spending to a new reality.

Still, the job market continues to be a pillar of strength in the U.S. economy and wages continue to rise, creating a conflict for the Fed, which needs to cool spending and hiring to control inflation.

Colleges and universities are reluctant to ban an AI tool with the ability to complete writing assignments. **TODD ANDERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Cheating in class at new level

Alarmed by student use of AI chatbots, universities are now revamping how they teach

By Kalley Huang
The New York Times

While grading essays for his world religions course last month, Antony Aumann, a professor of philosophy at Northern Michigan University, read what he said was easily "the best paper in the class." It explored the morality of burqa bans with clean paragraphs, fitting examples and rigorous arguments.

A red flag instantly went up.

Aumann confronted his student, who confessed to using ChatGPT, a chatbot that delivers information, explains concepts and generates ideas in simple sentences — and, in this case, had written the paper.

Alarmed, Aumann decided to transform essay writing for his courses this semester. He plans to require students to write first drafts in the classroom, using browsers that monitor and restrict computer activity. In later drafts, students have to explain each revision. Aumann, who may forgo essays in subsequent semesters, also plans to weave ChatGPT into lessons by asking students to evaluate the chatbot's responses.

"What's happening in class is no longer going to be, 'Here are some questions — let's talk about it between us human beings,'" he said, but instead "it's like, 'What also does this alien robot think?'"

Across the country, university professors like Aumann, department chairs and administrators are starting to overhaul classrooms in response to ChatGPT, prompting a potentially huge shift in teaching and learning. Some professors are redesigning their courses entirely, including more oral exams, group work and handwritten assessments in lieu of typed ones.

The moves are part of a real-time grappling with a new technological wave known as generative artificial intelligence.

ChatGPT, which was released in November by the artificial intelligence lab OpenAI, is at the forefront of the shift. The chatbot generates eerily articulate and nuanced text in response to short prompts, with people using it to write love letters, poetry, fan fiction — and their schoolwork.

That has upended some middle and high schools, with teachers and administrators trying to discern whether students are using the chatbot to do their schoolwork.

In higher education, colleges and universities have been reluctant to ban the AI tool because administrators doubt the move would be effective and they don't want to infringe on academic freedom. That means the way people teach is changing instead.

"We try to institute general policies that certainly back up the faculty member's authority to run a class," instead of targeting specific methods of cheating, said Joe Glover, provost of the University of Florida. "This isn't going to be the last innovation we have to deal with."

That's especially true as generative AI is in its early days. OpenAI is expected to soon release another tool, GPT-4, which is better at generating text than previous versions. Google has built LaMDA, a rival chatbot, and Microsoft is discussing a $10 billion investment in OpenAI. Silicon Valley startups are also working on generative AI tools.

Professors are phasing out take-home, open-book assignments — which became a dominant method of assessment in the pandemic but now seem vulnerable to chatbots. They are instead opting for in-class assignments, handwritten papers, group work and oral exams.

Universities are also aiming to educate students about the new AI tools.

The University at Buffalo in New York and Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, said they planned to embed a discussion of AI tools into required courses that teach entering or freshman students about concepts such as academic integrity.

Party City files for bankruptcy protection

By Anne D'Innocenzio and Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Party City has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after struggling with rising prices and a pullback in customer spending.

The company, based in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, said that its franchise stores, subsidiaries outside of the U.S. and its foil balloons Anagram business are not part of the restructuring and will remain core components of its business.

Party City Holdco Inc., said its more than 800 company-owned and franchise stores throughout North America will remain open, and customers can still shop on the company website.

The chain is planning an expedited restructuring that it said would substantially lower its debt and free up cash.

The company has secured a commitment for $150 million in debtor-in-possession financing. It said the financing, which is subject to court approval, would provide ample cash to continue operations.

Party City has long faced growing competition from Walmart and Target and increasingly from occasion-based pop-up stores such as Spirit Halloween. That pressure has intensified in an era of rising prices, including for helium used in party balloons, and slowing consumer demand.

"Party City used to be one of the best games in town, but it is now something of an also-ran operation," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

Saunders believes Party City should think about how it reaches customers. That includes beefing up its e-commerce site.

In November, Party City reported its quarterly losses widened, reflecting a 3.2% drop in comparable store sales. Overall sales were within expectations, but at the lower end.

In December, the Securities and Exchange Commission warned Party City that it was at risk of being delisted by the New York Stock Exchange for failing to maintain an average $1-per-share stock price over a 30-day period.

Party City expects restructuring to be completed in the second quarter.

Microsoft lays off 10K as tech cuts continue

By Matt O'Brien
Associated Press

Microsoft is cutting 10,000 workers, almost 5% of its workforce, joining other tech companies that have scaled back their pandemic-era expansions.

The company said in a regulatory filing Wednesday that the layoffs were a response to "macroeconomic conditions and changing customer priorities."

The Redmond, Washington-based software giant said it will also be making changes to its hardware portfolio and consolidating its leased office locations.

Microsoft is cutting far fewer jobs than it had added during the COVID-19 pandemic as it responded to a boom in demand for its workplace software and cloud computing services with so many people working and studying from home.

"A big part of this is just overexuberance in hiring," said Joshua White, a finance professor at Vanderbilt University.

Microsoft's workforce expanded by about 36% in the two fiscal years following the emergence of the pandemic, growing from 163,000 workers at the end of June 2020, to 221,000 in June 2022.

"While we are eliminating roles in some areas, we will continue to hire in key strategic areas," CEO Satya Nadella said in an email to employees. He emphasized the importance of building a "new computer platform" using advances in artificial intelligence.

Other tech companies have also been trimming jobs amid concerns about an economic slowdown.

Amazon said that it will be cutting about 18,000 positions. Facebook parent Meta is laying off 11,000 people, about 13% of its workforce. And Elon Musk, the new Twitter CEO, has slashed the company's workforce.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Virgin Atlantic fined $1M by US

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Transportation Department has fined British airline Virgin Atlantic up to $1.05 million for flying over restricted airspace in Iraq while operating flights in a partnership with Delta Air Lines.

The federal agency said the flights occurred between September 2020 and September 2021 while the Federal Aviation Administration had told U.S. airlines to avoid the area because of "heightened militia activities and increased tensions."

The FAA still bars civilian planes from flying over Iraq below 32,000 feet.

Atlanta-based Delta owns 49% of Virgin Atlantic. Half of the fine, or $525,000, will be waived if Virgin Atlantic avoids similar violations for one year.

Wholesale prices rise 6.2% in Dec.

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices in the United States rose 6.2% in December from a year earlier, a sixth consecutive slowdown and a hopeful sign that inflation pressures will continue to cool.

The latest year-over-year figure was down from 7.3% in November and from a recent peak of 11.7% in March.

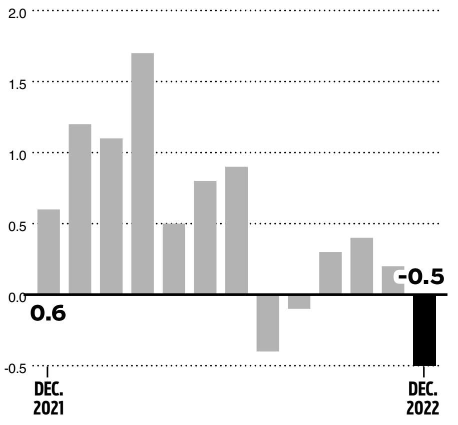
On a monthly basis, the government said Wednesday that its producer price index, which measures costs before they reach consumers, dropped 0.5% from November to December.

The producer price data can provide an early sign of where consumer inflation might be headed.

The data reflects the prices charged by manufacturers, farmers and wholesalers.

Producer price index

Index of prices U.S. producers receive for goods and services, percent change from previous month



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S. Goutham lays the foundation for an elaborate decoration of a Hindu temple deity at the Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Chennai, India. **DEEPA BHARATH/AP 2022**

For Indian artist, decorating deities more than mere work

By Deepa Bharath
Associated Press

CHENNAI, India — The former computer professional — now a very specialized type of artist — locked his gaze on the deity before him.

On a recent afternoon, 33-year-old S. Goutham was perched on a ladder at the altar of the goddess Durga at the Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Chennai, India. Goutham — his hand moving steadily — was pleating a green silk sari to adorn the deity.

"You cannot get tense when you are doing this work," he says. "You can't do this if you are not patient. You need to become one with her."

A computer science graduate, Goutham quit his job nearly a decade ago to pursue his calling. He has since followed in the footsteps of his ancestors as a fifth-generation decorator of temple deities.

In Hindu temples, idols are mostly made of materials such as black granite, white marble or five-metal alloys that have sacred significance. These deities are worshipped as physical, tangible representations of God (Brahman) who is believed to be infinite, omnipresent and beyond comprehension. Worship in a Hindu temple includes bathing these deities in milk, decorating them with colorful clothes, flowers, perfumes, jewelry, and even weapons. Oil lamps are lit at the altar, and sacred chants and foods are offered to the gods.

Decorating the deities is a millennia-old practice that is described in the Hindu epic Ramayana, and Goutham has been learning the art since he was a toddler. He crafted his first formal decoration when he was 13.

Goutham said he became interested in decorating deities as a child because of his father.

"When you are little, your father is your hero," he said. "I wanted to be just like him."

When he sets out to decorate a deity, Goutham says he has a concept of what to do, but doesn't start out with a sketch. He goes step by step — placing the deity's hands, feet and weapons. Then he moves on to the clothes and jewelry. Gradually, the god's form manifests.

There are rules about the types of materials that can be used on deities.

"The human body is made up of earth, water, fire, air and space, and everything you see naturally occurring on Earth is made of these elements," Goutham said. "To show this, we decorate deities using things that occur in nature and are a representation of these elements, like copper, cloth, coconut fibers and so on."

He has also created an app and website for those who wish to learn more about this art and dreams of establishing an institution to train artists who can maintain the sacred tradition. While most deity decorators are men, he sees no reason why women cannot learn and practice it.

"Everyone is equal under god," he said.

Goutham says he doesn't view his job just as work.

"You can call it service because it brings pure joy to so many and plays a role in our spiritual awakening," he said. "But in my view, it's much more than that. It has the power to transform people."

France's retirement overhaul plan dismays older employees

By Liz Alderman
The New York Times

At 59, Christine Jagueneau is unemployed and eager to find a job, but she is discovering that companies in France are not hiring older workers. **JULIEN MIGNOT/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

PARIS — During her 38-year career as a sales and marketing manager, Christine Jagueneau rarely thought about retirement. But when her job at a French industrial company was eliminated just before her 59th birthday last February, the idea of tapping her pension took on unexpected urgency.

Despite nearly a dozen job interviews, she said, employers have suggested that she's too old to be hired. She has just enough savings to coast to France's current retirement age of 62.

But a government plan unveiled last week that would make the French work longer, to age 64, risks undermining her financial security, along with that of millions of older job seekers who have been effectively shut out of France's labor market.

"We're being told to work more," said Jagueneau, who is eager to work and feels dismayed to be collecting unemployment for the first time in her life. "But it's almost impossible for older people to get jobs, because companies in France won't hire them."

As President Emmanuel Macron embarks on an overhaul of France's expensive and generous pension system in order to preserve its finances, the notion of forcing people to delay their retirement has incited outrage. Polls show that 4 out of 5 people oppose raising that threshold, and the country is bracing for raucous nationwide strikes as labor unions and workers of all stripes protest efforts to change a cherished totem that has long been viewed as a political third rail by the French.

"Retirement is considered sacred," said Luc Rouban, a senior research fellow at the Center for Political Research at SciencesPo in Paris. "For many, it's like reaching paradise."

But the clash has also thrown an uncomfortable spotlight on one of the biggest under-the-radar problems in France: the often-taboo subject of age discrimination in a country where millions of older job seekers want to work, but find themselves shut out of the labor market before they reach the official retirement age.

In recent surveys by Indeed France, the country's biggest online jobs board, 25% of job applicants older than 55 reported that employers had told them they were too old to qualify. Four out of 10 employers surveyed by Indeed said they didn't intend to recruit anyone older than 45. And a quarter of companies acknowledged they would hire a younger person at a lower salary over an older candidate.

"Despite valuable experience, older workers often find themselves shunned by recruiters, who have certain preconceptions about age," said Charles Chantala, a senior director at Indeed.

Those include concerns about health and stamina, salary demands commensurate with experience, training in the latest technologies and the idea that people closer to retirement might stick around for only a few years.

It's a long-recognized problem. Although age-based discrimination is illegal in France, the country was called out for age discrimination in a 2014 study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which said "negative perceptions of older people in the workplace" discouraged French employers from recruiting workers older than 55.

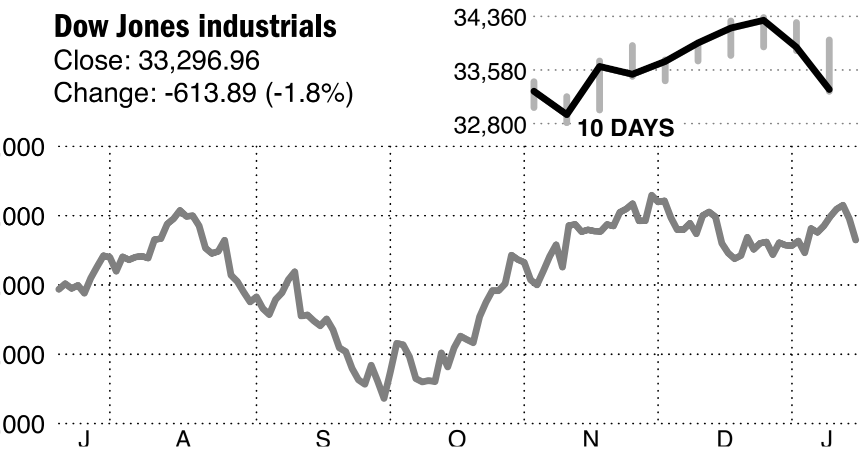
France's employment levels show a steep drop in the number of older people holding jobs.

Just over half of French people between 55 and 64 are employed, one of the lowest levels in Europe, according to Eurostat. By age 60, fewer than one-third are working — a little less than half the rate found in Germany and in the Nordic countries.

Given France's track record, labor unions — including ones that have been more open to some of Macron's past reforms — have warned that raising the retirement age will simply create a bigger pool of jobless older people.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow **High: 34,016.53** **Low: 33,269.90** **Previous: 33,910.85**



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 33,296.96
Change: -613.89 (-1.8%)

Nasdaq	↘ -138.10 (-1.24%)
Close	10,957.01
High	11,223.41
Low	10,952.05
Previous	11,095.11

S&P 500	↘ -62.11 (-1.56%)
Close	3,928.86
High	4,014.16
Low	3,926.59
Previous	3,990.97

Russell 2000	↘ -29.93 (-1.59%)
Close	1,854.36
High	1,903.87
Low	1,854.32
Previous	1,884.29

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↘	↘	↗	↦	↘
-.17	-2.80	+.34	(unch.)	-.70
to 3.38%	to $1,904.40	to 128.69/$1	to .9265/$1	to $79.48

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.99	+.23	-1.03	-.24	+2.31	+1.30	-4.94	-23.59	-13.32
↘	↗	↘	↘	↗	↗	↘	↘	↘

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	749	760.25	740.25	742.50	-9.25
		May 23	756.75	767.25	748.25	750.25	-8.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	684.25	688.75	678	681.25	-4
		May 23	681.75	686	676	679.25	-3.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 23	1537	1548.50	1511.25	1524.50	-15.25
		May 23	1534.75	1544.75	1509.25	1521.50	-16
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 23	64.00	64.75	63.60	64.12	+.28
		May 23	63.58	64.37	63.22	63.75	+.25
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 23	480.40	487.00	472.30	478.10	-3.10
		May 23	465.30	469.60	455.90	460.20	-6.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 23	80.97	82.38	78.94	79.48	-.70
		Mar 23	81.34	82.66	79.21	79.80	-.65
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Feb 23	3.628	3.644	3.275	3.311	-.275
		Mar 23	3.294	3.332	3.088	3.111	-.142
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 23	2.5619	2.5966	2.5092	2.5235	-.0216
		Mar 23	2.5710	2.6059	2.5178	2.5338	-.0204

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	111.51	-1.88
AbbVie Inc	N	149.20	-3.63
Allstate Corp	N	132.43	-3.09
Aptargroup Inc	N	111.97	-2.09
Arch Dan Mid	N	85.00	-3.09
Baxter Intl	N	44.00	-.74
Boeing Co	N	209.41	-2.00
Brunswick Corp	N	76.58	-2.78
CBOE Global Markets	N	122.58	-1.04
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.61	-.13
CDW Corp	O	198.09	+.47
CF Industries	N	84.63	-1.37
CME Group	O	175.78	-.21
CNA Financial	N	42.53	-.33
Caterpillar Inc	N	252.82	-3.44
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	38.45	-1.58
Deere Co	N	425.99	-12.21
Discover Fin Svcs	N	102.34	-3.07
Dover Corp	N	140.52	-3.79
Envestnet Inc	N	65.84	-.31
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.41	-.70
Equity Residential	N	60.73	-.64
Exelon Corp	O	42.23	-.93
First Indl RT	N	51.36	+.09
Fortune Brands Innov	N	61.71	-.76
GATX	N	110.61	-.69
Gallagher AJ	N	191.99	-3.66
Grainger WW	N	570.67	-1.00
Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	104.47	-.52
IAA Inc	N	39.93	-.41
IDEX Corp	N	233.97	-2.73
ITW	N	227.80	-4.51
Ingredion Inc	N	102.30	-2.14
John Bean Technol	N	98.69	-2.86
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	175.80	-.59
Kemper Corp	N	53.36	-1.22
Kraft Heinz Co	O	39.66	-2.67
LKQ Corporation	O	56.14	-1.75
Littelfuse Inc	O	245.27	-.67
McDonalds Corp	N	266.04	-8.07
Middleby Corp	O	148.01	-.97
Mondelez Intl	O	64.57	-2.45
Morningstar Inc	O	240.27	-2.57
Motorola Solutions	N	256.86	-6.43
NiSource Inc	N	27.04	-.58
Nthn Trust Cp	O	98.97	-.43
Old Republic	N	23.75	-.39
Packaging Corp Am	N	130.91	-2.59
Paylocity Hldg	O	197.42	-1.12
RLI Corp	N	136.60	-.78
Ryan Specialty Group	N	42.88	-.70
Stericycle Inc	O	52.67	-.31
TransUnion	N	66.99	-2.18
US Foods Holding	N	36.18	-.74
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	500.08	+5.49
United Airlines Hldg	O	48.86	-2.34
Ventas Inc	N	48.81	-.28
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	35.61	-.72
Wintrust Financial	O	82.75	-3.67
Zebra Tech	O	296.54	+2.96

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AMC Entertainment A	5.65	-.42
Carnival Corp	10.43	-.45
Bank of America	33.72	-.80
Ford Motor	12.41	-.26
Nu Holdings Ltd	3.64	-.03
AT&T Inc	19.02	-.31
Volta Inc	.89	+.16
Carvana Co A	6.98	-.33
Transocean Ltd	5.73	-.34
Pfizer Inc	45.00	-1.08
Petrobras	10.98	-.33
Palantir Technol	6.90	-.17
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.11	+.01
Banco Bradesco ADS	2.87	...
Uber Technologies	28.96	-.24
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	1.83	-.16
Farfetch Ltd	6.12	-.06
Snap Inc A	9.41	-.26
Energy Vault Holdg	4.80	+1.24
Verizon Comm	39.97	-.88
Nokia Corp	4.78	-.04
Ambev S.A.	2.65	-.07
Credit Suisse Gp	3.49	-.04
Keycorp	17.24	-.78

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Tesla Inc	128.78	-2.71
Mullen Automotive	.28	-.02
Ontrak Inc	1.12	+.55
Exela Technologies	.08	-.01
Bed Bath &Beynd	3.94	-.20
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.60	+.12
Amazon.com Inc	95.46	-.59
Apple Inc	135.21	-.73
Grab Holdings Ltd A	3.71	-.26
Marathon Digital Hld	6.91	-1.46
Tricida Inc	.14	+.01
IQIYI Inc	5.45	-.14
Nvidia Corporation	173.77	-3.25
Intel Corp	28.81	-.79
American Airlines Gp	16.64	-.44
Adv Micro Dev	70.53	-1.06
SoFi Technologies	5.56	-.08
COmSovereign Hldg	.06	-.01
United Airlines Hldg	48.86	-2.34
Microsoft Corp	235.81	-4.54
TC BioPharm Holdings	6.30	+1.37
Alphabet Inc A	91.12	-.17
Arrival Corp	.45	-.16
Opendoor Technol	1.62	-.11

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3224.41	+.2/+.0
Stoxx600	457.29	+.8/+.2
Nikkei	26791.12	+652.4/+2.5
MSCI-EAFE	2102.88	+17.1/+.8
Bovespa	112228.39	+789.3/+.7
FTSE 100	7830.70	-20.3/-.3
CAC-40	7083.39	+6.2/+.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	91.78	-.38
Alphabet Inc A	91.12	-.17
Amazon.com Inc	95.46	-.59
Apple Inc	135.21	-.73
Berkshire Hath B	308.30	-6.56
Chevron Corp	177.23	-3.26
Eli Lilly	352.01	-5.73
Exxon Mobil Corp	110.61	-2.32
JPMorgan Chase	136.57	-4.23
Johnson & Johnson	169.76	-2.60
MasterCard Inc	368.92	-6.08
Microsoft Corp	235.81	-4.54
Nvidia Corporation	173.77	-3.25
Procter & Gamble	146.41	-4.03
Taiwan Semicon	89.47	+.48
Tesla Inc	128.78	-2.71
Unitedhealth Group	476.24	-8.84
Visa Inc	219.46	-3.54
WalMart Strs	140.84	-3.57

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.54	4.56
6-month disc	4.65	4.68
2-year	4.09	4.21
10-year	3.38	3.55
30-year	3.54	3.66

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1904.40	$1907.20
Silver	$23.530	$23.944
Platinum	$1034.50	$1037.50

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	7.50
Discount Rate Primary	5.00
Fed Funds Target	4.25-4.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.35

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	182.8321
Australia (Dollar)	1.4403
Brazil (Real)	5.1609
Britain (Pound)	.8105
Canada (Dollar)	1.3490
China (Yuan)	6.7481
Euro	.9265
India (Rupee)	81.466
Israel (Shekel)	3.3759
Japan (Yen)	128.69
Mexico (Peso)	18.8608
Poland (Zloty)	4.37
So. Korea (Won)	1236.86
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.32
Thailand (Baht)	32.99

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.44	-.18	-7.8
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	48.63	-.82	-2.9
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	53.89	-.44	-11.1
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.42	-.55	-5.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	62.28	-.74	-10.2
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.97	-.61	-21.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.04	-.21	-4.3
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	42.34	-.63	-10.1
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	49.88	-.39	-17.3
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	52.24	-.79	-5.3
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.96	+.10	-7.9
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.68	+.12	-5.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.16	-.20	-5.0
Dodge & Cox StkI	221.77	-3.19	-7.6
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	136.31	-2.15	-12.7
Fidelity Contrafund	12.40	-.16	-21.0
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.22	-.05	-9.3
Fidelity GroCo	23.67	-.29	-23.0
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	44.15	-.08	-6.8
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.23	+.10	-7.1
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	109.03	-1.70	-13.2
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.55	+.10	-7.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	-.01	-2.8
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.42	+.10	-10.5
PIMCO IncInstl	10.66	+.04	-3.8
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.77	+.08	-10.2
Schwab SP500Idx	61.12	...	-13.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	362.57	-5.74	-12.8
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.14	...	-11.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	34.84	-.71	-2.5
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	85.27	-1.50	+.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	114.76	-1.42	-23.7
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.70	-.80	+5.4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.66	+.03	-3.7
Vanguard InsIdxIns	329.32	-5.20	-12.8
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	329.31	-5.21	-12.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.48	-.48	-18.2
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	262.00	-3.99	-10.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	137.08	-1.74	-9.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.06	...	-3.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	92.65	-1.26	-8.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.29	...	-9.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.38	...	-10.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	32.79	...	-11.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.27	...	-11.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	35.68	...	-11.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	23.99	...	-11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	39.79	...	-11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.63	...	-8.8
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.73	...	-9.2
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.73	...	-9.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	29.74	-.13	-9.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	118.94	-.49	-9.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	17.78	-.07	-9.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	95.72	-1.50	-13.2
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	95.74	-1.50	-13.2
Vanguard ValIdxAdmrl	55.01	-1.05	-2.1
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.27	...	-10.0
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.97	...	-6.0
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	67.90	-1.08	-9.7

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Source: Morningstar.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Copter crash kills interior minister

Other officials, child among at least 14 dead in new calamity

By Malak Harb
Associated Press

A firefighter rolls up a hose at the site of a deadly helicopter crash Wednesday in Brovary, Ukraine, a Kyiv suburb. **ED RAM/GETTY**

BROVARY, Ukraine — A helicopter carrying Ukraine's interior minister crashed into a kindergarten in a foggy residential suburb of Kyiv on Wednesday, killing him and about a dozen other people, including a child on the ground, authorities said.

Interior Minister Denys Monastyrskyi, who oversaw the country's police and emergency services, is the most senior official killed since Russia invaded nearly 11 months ago.

His death, along with the rest of his ministry's leadership and the helicopter crew, was the second major calamity in four days to befall Ukraine, after a Russian missile struck an apartment building in the city of Dnipro, killing dozens of civilians.

There was no immediate word on whether the helicopter crash, which occurred on a foggy morning in the capital's eastern suburb of Brovary, was an accident or related to the war. Ukrainian authorities opened an investigation. No fighting has been reported recently in the capital region.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy — addressing the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, by video link — said that the crash had a broad connection to the war.

"This is not an accident because it has been due to war and the war has many dimensions, not just on the battlefields," he said after asking the Davos audience to join him in a standing minute of silence to honor those killed. "There are no accidents at wartime. These are all war results."

Ukraine's State Emergency Service, which was operating the French-manufactured Super Puma helicopter, said at least 14 people were killed, including nine on the helicopter, and a child on the ground. It said 25 people were injured, including 11 children. Early official reports gave differing numbers of casualties.

At the scene of the crash and ensuing fire, plastic sheets covered at least four bodies. Workers cleared charred and mangled wreckage lying against an apartment building and in the kindergarten's playground. Some walls were partly demolished and blackened. The helicopter's blackened rotors protruded from a destroyed car and rested on the roof of a building's entrance.

Kyiv regional Gov. Oleksii Kuleba told Ukrainian television that emergency services were still identifying remains and that the death toll could rise.

The crash killed five Interior Ministry officials, one national police official and all three helicopter crew members, the Ukraine National Police said. Monastyrskyi's deputy Yevhen Yenin and State Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Yurii Lubkovych were among the dead, the police said.

Monastyrskyi, 42, was in charge of police and emergency services that dealt with the consequences of Russian strikes and demining, political analyst Volodymyr Fesenko said.

Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said National Police Chief Ihor Klymenko has been appointed acting interior minister.

Senior Ukrainian officials routinely travel by helicopter at low altitudes and high speed during the conflict, increasing the inherent dangers associated with the flights. The tragedy may prompt Kyiv to institute a rule many countries and companies follow stating that top officials shouldn't fly on the same aircraft, Fesenko said.

The officials on the helicopter were due to visit Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region, local police chief Volodymyr Tymoshko said, adding on Facebook that they were "not just leaders," but "friends who I respected."

The helicopter was sold to Ukraine before the war in 2019, a French defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to be identified, according to ministry policy.

The Security Service of Ukraine is investigating "all possible versions" of the crash, prosecutor general Andriy Kostin said on Telegram.

The crash came at a particularly dark period in the war for Ukraine, just days after the Russian strike on the apartment building in southeastern Ukraine killed 45 people, including six children — the deadliest attack on civilians since the spring.

"The pain is unspeakable," Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram.

"Another very sad day today — new losses," said his wife, Olena Zelenska, dabbing teary eyes as she responded to the news at the economic conference in Davos, where she was mustering support for Ukraine.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby called the crash "heartbreaking."

British Home Secretary Suella Braverman called Monastyrskyi "a leading light in supporting the Ukrainian people during (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's illegal invasion."

She said she was "struck by his determination, optimism and patriotism."

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who is facing pressure to send tanks to Ukraine, tweeted that the crash "shows once again the huge price that Ukraine is having to pay in this war."

Zelenskyy implores allies to supply weapons quickly

Ukrainian president issues plea to leaders at key Swiss forum

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

Annual Meeting
Davos 2023

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks via video link to an audience attending the World Economic Forum on Wednesday in Davos, Switzerland. **FABRICE COFFRINI/GETTY-AFP**

DAVOS, Switzerland — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told political leaders at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos that supplies of Western weapons must come quicker than Russia's attacks, urging the world to move faster because "tragedies are outpacing life; the tyranny is outpacing democracy."

Zelenskyy, speaking by video link from Kyiv, said the world needs to react more rapidly to challenges like global security, climate change, hunger and energy, warning that in the war, "the time the free world uses to think is used by the terrorist state to kill."

He said his allies must not hesitate: "The supplying of Ukraine with air defense systems must outpace Russia's vast missile attacks. The supplies of Western tanks must outpace another invasion of Russian tanks."

Zelenskyy's spoke after U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres described the world as being in a "sorry state" because of interlinked challenges including climate change and Russia's war in Ukraine that are "piling up like cars in a chain reaction crash."

The gloom hung on the second day of the elite gathering of world leaders and corporate executives in the Swiss ski resort of Davos after a helicopter crashed into a kindergarten in Ukraine, killing more than a dozen people, including Ukraine's interior minister.

Zelenskyy stood and asked for a moment of silence for the victims.

His wife, first lady Olena Zelenska, earlier called it "another very sad day," dabbing teary eyes, then telling Davos attendees that "we can also change this negative situation for the better."

The Ukrainian delegation to Davos, including Zelenska, has been pushing for more aid, including increasingly advanced weapons, from international allies to fight Russia.

Shortly before Zelenskyy spoke, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz reiterated that Germany was one of the top suppliers of military equipment to Ukraine when asked why he had not sent tanks to the war-torn country.

While Germany has provided air-defense systems and armored personnel carriers, Scholz — the only leader to attend Davos from the Group of Seven — is facing increasing pressure to send Leopard 2 battle tanks to help Ukraine.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Ukraine's Western backers this week will discuss ways to supply heavier and more advanced weapons.

"The main message there will be: more support, more advanced support, heavier weapons and more modern weapons," Stoltenberg said of a gathering in Germany of top defense officials, including U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who work to coordinate military contributions to Ukraine.

"This is a fight for our values, this is a fight for democracy — and we just have to prove that democracy wins over tyranny and oppression," the NATO leader added.

Meanwhile, Guterres said the "gravest levels of geopolitical division and mistrust in generations" are undermining efforts to tackle global problems, including widening inequality, a cost-of-living crisis sparked by soaring inflation and an energy crunch, lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, supply-chain disruptions and more.

The U.N. chief singled out climate change as an "existential challenge," and said a global commitment to limit the Earth's temperature rise to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit "is nearly going up in smoke."

Guterres, who has been one of the most outspoken world figures on climate change, referenced a recent study that found scientists at Exxon Mobil made remarkably accurate predictions about the effects of climate change in the 1970s, even as the company's stance publicly raised doubts about whether global warming was real.

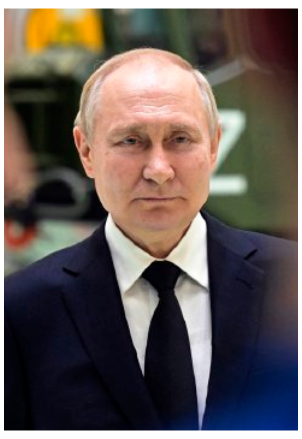
"We learned last week that certain fossil fuel producers were fully aware in the 1970s that their core product was baking our planet," he said in his speech. "Some in Big Oil peddled the big lie."

Critics have questioned the impact of the four-day meeting where politicians, CEOs and other leaders discuss the world's problems — and make deals on the sidelines — but where concrete action is harder to measure. Environmentalists, for example, slam the carbon-spewing private jets that ferry in bigwigs to an event that prioritizes the battle against climate change.

Government officials, corporate titans, academics and activists attended dozens of panel sessions Wednesday on topics covering the metaverse, environmental greenwashing and artificial intelligence.

Ukraine has taken center stage as the anniversary of the Feb. 24 start of the war nears.

When Zelenskyy was asked about engaging in a dialogue with Russia, he said that "they will have to recognize their own mistakes."



Russian President Vladimir Putin described his war effort Wednesday as "protecting people." **ILYA PITALEV/POOL**

Putin: Moscow's forces aim to stop 'war' raging since 2014

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Moscow's action in Ukraine was intended to stop a "war" that has raged in eastern Ukraine for many years.

Speaking at a meeting with veterans, Putin said Moscow had long sought to negotiate a settlement to the conflict in Ukraine's Donbas, an eastern industrial region where Russia-backed separatists have battled Ukrainian forces since 2014.

"Large-scale combat operations involving heavy weapons, artillery, tanks and aircraft haven't stopped in Donbas since 2014," Putin said. "All that we are doing today as part of the special military operation is an attempt to stop this war. This is the meaning of our operation — protecting people who live on those territories."

He described Ukraine's east as Russia's "historic territories," adding that Moscow conceded their loss after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union but had to act to protect Russian speakers there.

Putin has explained his decision to send troops into Ukraine last Feb. 24 by citing a need to protect Russian speakers, as well as to pursue the "demilitarization" and "denazification" of Ukraine to prevent it from posing a threat to Russia. Ukraine and its Western allies have rejected the rationale as a cover for an unprovoked act of aggression.

Putin attended the meeting with veterans during a visit to St. Petersburg for the 80th anniversary of the Red Army breaking the Nazi siege there in 1943.

The siege of the city, then called Leningrad, lasted nearly 900 days and was only fully lifted in January 1944. About 1 million people died during the siege, most of them from starvation.

Putin on Wednesday laid a wreath at the city's Piskaryov memorial cemetery, where 420,000 civilian victims of the siege and 70,000 Soviet soldiers were buried. He also put flowers in a section where his brother, who died as a child during the siege, was buried in a mass grave.

Putin said once that his mother was declared dead his father, who had just come home on a visit from the front lines, managed to ward off a funeral team at the last moment and helped her recover.

Taps running dry for Ariz. suburb

Growth, shrinking water supply has residents fretting

By Jack Healy
The New York Times

John McCue installs gutters Jan. 8 at his son's Rio Verde, Ariz., home. The gutters are part of a rain-filtration system needed after hundreds of homes outside of Scottsdale's boundaries can no longer get water from the city. ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

RIO VERDE, Ariz. — Joe McCue thought he had found a desert paradise when he bought one of the new stucco houses sprouting in the granite foothills of Rio Verde, Arizona. There were good schools, mountain views and cactus-spangled hiking trails out the back door.

Then the water got cut off.

Earlier this month, the community's longtime water supplier, the neighboring city of Scottsdale, turned off the tap for Rio Verde Foothills, blaming a grinding drought that is threatening the future of the West. Scottsdale said it had to focus on conserving water for its own residents, and could no longer sell water to roughly 500 to 700 homes — or around 1,000 people. That meant the unincorporated swath of $500,000 stucco houses, mansions and horse ranches outside Scottsdale's borders would have to fend for itself and buy water from other suppliers — if homeowners could find them, and afford to pay much higher prices.

Almost overnight, the Rio Verde Foothills turned into a worst-case scenario of a hotter, drier climate, showing what happens when unregulated growth collides with shrinking water supplies.

"Is it just a campground now?" McCue, 36, asked one recent morning, after he and his father installed gutters and rain barrels for a new drinking-water filtration system.

"We're really hoping we don't go dry by summer," he said. "Then we'll be in a really bad spot."

In a scramble to conserve, people are flushing their toilets with rainwater and lugging laundry to friends' homes. They are eating off paper plates, skipping showers and fretting about whether they have staked their fates on what could become a desiccated ghost suburb.

Some say they know how it might look to outsiders. Yes, they bought homes in the Sonoran desert. But they ask, are they such outliers? Arizona does not want for emerald-green fairways, irrigated lawns or water parks.

"I'm surrounded by plush golf courses, one of the largest fountains in the world," said Tony Johnson, 45, referring to the 500-foot water feature in the neighboring town of Fountain Hills.

Johnson's family built a house in Rio Verde two years ago, and landscaped the yard with rocks. "We're not putting in a pool, we're not putting in grass," he said.

The heavy rain and snow battering California and other parts of the Mountain West in recent weeks is helping to refill some reservoirs and soak dried-out soil. But water experts say that one streak of wet weather will not undo a 20-year drought that has practically emptied Lake Mead, the country's largest reservoir, and has strained the overburdened Colorado River, which supplies about 35% of Arizona's water. The rest comes from the state's own rivers or from aquifers in the ground.

Last week, Arizona learned that its water shortages could be worse than many residents realized. As one of her first actions after taking office, Gov. Katie Hobbs unsealed a report showing that the fast-growing West Valley of Phoenix does not have enough groundwater to support tens of thousands of homes planned for the area; their development is now in question.

Water experts say Rio Verde Foothills' situation offers a glimpse of the bitter fights and hard choices facing 40 million people across the West who rely on the Colorado River.

"It's a cautionary tale for homebuyers," said Sarah Porter, director of the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University. "We can't just protect every single person who buys a parcel and builds a home. There isn't enough money or water."

Porter said a number of other unincorporated areas in Arizona rely on water service from larger nearby cities like Prescott or Flagstaff. They could find themselves in Rio Verde's straits if the drought persists and the cities start taking drastic conservation measures.

There are no sewers or water mains serving the Rio Verde Foothills, so for decades, homes there that did not have their own wells got water delivered by tanker trucks. (The homes that do have wells are not directly affected by the cutoff.)

The trucks would fill up with Scottsdale water at a pipe 15 minutes' drive from the Rio Verde Foothills, and then deliver water directly to people's front doors. Or rather, to 5,000-gallon storage tanks buried in their yards — enough water to last an average family about a month. When the tanks ran low, homeowners would call or send an electronic signal for another delivery.

It was a tenuous arrangement in the middle of the desert, but homeowners said the water always arrived, and had come to feel almost as reliable as a utility hookup. Scottsdale had warned, however, as early as 2015 that the arrangement could come to an end.

Now, though, the water trucks have to crisscross the Phoenix metro area in search of supplies, filling up in cities a two-hour round trip from Rio Verde. That has meant more driving, more waiting and more money. An average family's water bill has jumped to $660 a month from $220, and it is unclear how long the water trucks will be able to keep drawing from those backup sources.

Rio Verde Foothills once felt like a remote community far from the urban centers of Scottsdale or Phoenix, residents said, a quilt of ranches and self-built houses scattered among mesquite and palo verde trees.

But over the past few years, there has been a frenzy of home construction in the area, fueled by cheap land prices and developers who took advantage of a loophole in Arizona's groundwater laws to construct homes without any fixed water supply.

To prevent unsustainable development in a desert state, Arizona passed a law in 1980 requiring subdivisions with six or more lots to show proof that they have a 100-year water supply.

But developers in Rio Verde Foothills have been sidestepping the rule by carving larger parcels into sections with four or five houses each, creating the impression of a miniature suburbia, but one that did not need to legally prove it had water.

People in Rio Verde Foothills are divided over how to resolve their water woes. When some proposed forming their own self-funded water provider, other residents revolted, saying the idea would foist an expensive, freedom-stealing new arm of government on them. The idea collapsed.

On Jan. 12, a group of residents sued Scottsdale in an effort to get the water turned back on. They argued the city violated an Arizona law that restricts cities from cutting off utility services to customers outside their borders. Scottsdale did not respond to the lawsuit.

People leave the Supreme Court on Wednesday after oral arguments in the case of a deaf former student who is suing his Michigan public school system. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Justices seem inclined to rule for school case's deaf student

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed sympathetic to the arguments of a deaf student who sued his public school system for providing an inadequate education, a legal challenge important for other disabled students and their families.

The question for the justices involves a federal law that guarantees disabled students an education specific to their needs. During 90 minutes in the courtroom, liberal and conservative justices suggested they were inclined to rule for the student, Miguel Luna Perez.

His lawyer, Roman Martinez, said that for 12 years, the public school system in Sturgis, Michigan, "neglected Miguel, denied him an education and lied to his parents about the progress he was allegedly making in school."

"This shameful conduct permanently stunted Miguel's ability to communicate with the outside world," Martinez said.

Justice Elena Kagan indicated that she believed the argument that Perez had done "everything right" in pursuing his case.

"It's hard for me to see how that's not true. What should Miguel have done differently from what he did do in this case?" Kagan said. The liberal justice suggested to a lawyer for the school system, Shay Dvoretzky, that such cases are pursued "by parents who are trying to do right by their kids."

Perez, now 27, was in the courtroom. He watched with the assistance of American Sign Language translators and Certified Deaf Interpreters.

It remains difficult for Perez, who emigrated to the United States from Mexico at age 9, to make himself understood. Perez's lawyers say the school system failed him by not providing a qualified sign language interpreter.

The school system also misled his parents into believing he was on track to earn his high school diploma. Just before graduation, however, his family was told he qualified only for a "certificate of completion," not a diploma.

His family responded by pursuing claims under two laws: the broad Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against disabled people, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The latter guarantees children with disabilities a free public education tailored to their specific needs.

Perez's family and the school district ultimately settled the IDEA claims. The family then went to federal court and, under the ADA, sought monetary damages, which are not available under the IDEA.

Lower courts said the settlement barred Perez from pursuing his ADA claims in federal court. Perez's lawyers said the 2-1 decision by the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, written by Judge Amul Thapar, an appointee of former President Donald Trump, was out of line with every other federal appeals court that has considered the issue.

Former federal education officials were among those who told the Supreme Court in written briefs that the appeals court's decision was wrong.

A decision in the case is expected by the end of June.

Israel's top court: Netanyahu ally cannot serve in Cabinet

By Tia Goldenberg and Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

Aryeh Deri, Israel's health and interior minister, left, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confer Jan. 8 in Jerusalem. Deri was convicted of tax offenses in 2022. RONEN ZVULUN/POOL

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu must fire a key ally from the country's new Cabinet, presenting the Israeli leader with a potential coalition crisis and deepening a rift over the power of the courts.

Ten of 11 judges on the high court found that Aryeh Deri, the influential head of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party who has served repeatedly in Netanyahu's previous governments, is disqualified from serving as a minister after he was convicted last year for tax offenses and placed on probation as part of a plea deal. Deri has pledged not to quit.

"Most of the judges on the panel decided that this appointment suffers from extreme unreasonability, and therefore the prime minister must remove Deri from his position," the court said in a statement.

Deri was defiant.

"I'm glad court ruled as it did. Let the people see and judge," he said, declining specifics. "When they close the door on us, we'll get in through the window. When they close the window, we'll break through the ceiling."

The much-anticipated ruling comes as Israel is being roiled by a dispute over sweeping changes to the country's legal system. One such proposal under consideration is the elimination of the court's "reasonability" test when reviewing government decisions.

Critics say the various changes at issue would place too much power in the hands of the government and weaken the Supreme Court. Proponents say they would correct a power imbalance between the executive and judicial branches.

Netanyahu will now have to decide whether he abides by the high court ruling. A spokesman for Netanyahu had no immediate comment.

But the leaders of the parties in the ruling coalition decried the ruling as a slap at voters after the Nov. 1 election. In a statement, they vowed to act "in any legal way that is available to us and without delay to correct the injustice and the severe damage caused to the democratic choice and the sovereignty of the people."

Dr. Amir Fuchs, senior researcher at the Israel Democracy Institute, a Jerusalem think tank, said Netanyahu is unlikely to ignore the ruling because then he'd be in contempt of court and there is no appealing a Supreme Court decision.

"I am sure that he will abide by the ruling. It doesn't mean that he will respect the ruling," Fuchs said. "What will probably happen is that they will do very quick legislation that will enable him to appoint Deri again."

It's not clear whether the proposed legal changes, including a plan to allow lawmakers to overrule Supreme Court decisions, could retroactively be applied to Deri's case. Critics said such a move would bend the rules to accommodate a convict and could encourage corruption.

The ruling carries potentially troublesome consequences for Netanyahu's coalition. Some Shas members have urged Netanyahu to find a solution that would grant Deri the title they say he deserves as head of a mid-sized party. Otherwise the party could bolt the coalition, which would shrink Netanyahu's 64-seat majority by 11 seats in the 120-member Knesset.

Yakov Margi, a Shas Cabinet minister, told Kan public radio that, "if Aryeh Deri isn't in the government, there isn't a government."

In a move that was seen as crucial to bringing the governing coalition together, Israeli legislators last month changed a law that prohibited a convict on probation from being a Cabinet minister. That cleared the way for Deri to join the government but prompted the Supreme Court challenge.

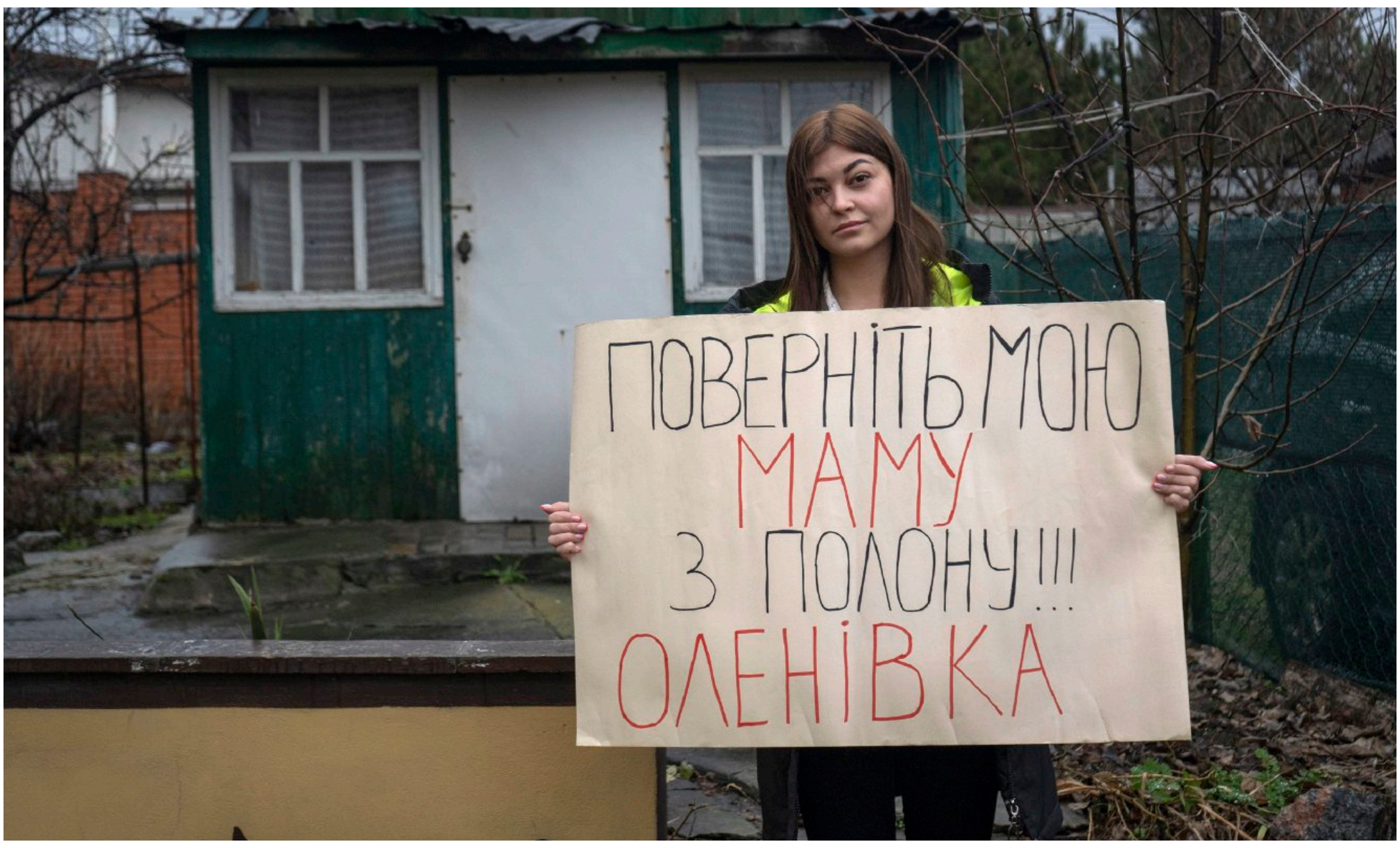
Deri is currently serving half a term as the minister of health and interior affairs. He was set to become finance minister in the second half of the term and he is also deputy prime minister.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Uncounted civilians abducted, held

Perhaps thousands of Ukrainians vanish into Russian custody

By Hanna Arhirova and Dasha Litvinova
Associated Press



Alina Kapatsyna, whose mother was abducted in April, holds a poster Jan. 6 in Dnipro, Ukraine: "Bring back my mom from captivity." **HANNA ARHIROVA/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — Alina Kapatsyna often dreams about getting a phone call from her mother. In those visions, her mother tells her that she's coming home.

Men in military uniforms took 45-year-old Vita Hannych away from her house in eastern Ukraine in April. She never returned.

Her family later learned that Hannych, who has long suffered from seizures because of a brain cyst, is in custody in the Russian-occupied part of the Donetsk region.

Kapatsyna said it remains unclear why her mother — "a peaceful, civilian and sick person" who has never held a weapon — was detained.

Hannych is one of hundreds — and perhaps thousands — of Ukrainian noncombatants believed to be held by Russian forces for months following their invasion. Some are deemed to be prisoners of war, even though they never took part in the fighting. Others are in a sort of legal limbo — not facing any criminal charges or considered to be POWs.

Hannych was wearing only a sweatsuit and slippers when she was seized by Russian forces occupying her village of Volodymyrivka several weeks into the Feb. 24 invasion. It is still under Moscow's control.

Her family initially thought she would come home shortly. Russian forces were known to detain people for two or three days for "filtration" and then release them, Kapatsyna said, and Hannych had no military or law enforcement connections.

When she wasn't released, Kapatsyna and her 70-year-old grandmother started a search. At first, letters and visits to various Russian-installed officials and government bodies in the Donetsk region yielded no results.

"The answers from everywhere were the same: 'We did not take her away.' Who took her then, if no one took her?" said Kapatsyna, who left the village in March for the Ukrainian-controlled city of Dnipro.

Then, they finally got some clarity: Hannych was jailed in Olenivka, another Russian-controlled city, according to a letter from the Moscow-installed prosecutor's office in the Donetsk region.

The jail staff told Kapatsyna's grandmother that Hannych was a sniper, allegations her family deems absurd, given her condition. Medical records seen by The Associated Press confirmed she had a brain cyst, as well as "residual encephalopathy" and "general convulsive attacks."

Anna Vorosheva, 46, who spent 100 days in the same facility as Hannych, recounted squalid, inhumane conditions: putrid drinking water, no heat or showers, having to sleep in shifts and hearing new prisoners screaming from being beaten.

Donetsk authorities labeled Hannych a POW and recently told the family she is imprisoned in the occupied city of Mariupol. It remains unclear when, if at all, she could be released.

Ukraine's top human rights organization, Center for Civil Liberties, has requests concerning around 900 civilians captured by Russia since the war began, with more than half still in custody.

Dmytro Lubinets, Ukraine's human rights envoy, put the number even higher and said Friday that his office received inquiries concerning more than 20,000 "civilian hostages" detained by Russia.

Russian lawyer Leonid Solovyov said he has amassed over 100 requests concerning Ukrainian civilians. He said he was able to help 30 to 40 confirm the person they looked for was in Russian custody without any legal status — just like his client, Mykyta Shkriabin.

The student from northeastern Ukraine's Kharkiv region was detained by Russia's military in March and has been held ever since without charges or any legal proceedings.

Shkriabin, then 19, was sheltering from the fighting in a basement with his family, according to his mother, Tetiana. During a break, he went out for supplies — and never returned.

Months later, Solovyov got confirmation from Russia's Defense Ministry that Shkriabin was detained for "resisting the special military operation." There is no such offense on the books in Russia, Solovyov said, and even if there was, Shkriabin would have been formally charged and investigated, but that hasn't happened. The ministry refused to disclose his whereabouts.

Moreover, when Solovyov filed a complaint to Russia's Investigative Committee contesting the detention, it confirmed that there are no criminal probes opened against Shkriabin, that he is neither a suspect nor an accused. "His legal status is simply a hostage," he said.

Russia's Defense Ministry and the Interior Ministry didn't respond to requests for comment.

International law prohibits a warring party from forcibly moving a civilian to its own territory or territory it occupies, and doing so could be deemed a war crime, said Yulia Gorbunova, a senior researcher with Human Rights Watch.

POWs can be exchanged, but there is no legal mechanism for swapping noncombatants, Gorbunova said, complicating efforts to free civilians from captivity.

Since the war began, however, Kyiv has been able to bring some home. Andriy Yermak, the head of Ukraine's presidential office, said on Jan. 8 that 132 civilians were brought back from Russian captivity in 2022.

NEWS BRIEFING

Feds to examine abuse of antipsychotic drugs given at nursing homes

From news services

Socialist Worker
STRIKE TO SAVE THE NHS
Socialist Party
WE ALL NEED A PAY RISE!
BUILD FOR A 24HR GENERAL STRIKE
CLAPS DON'T PAY OUR BILLS
PATIENTS ARE DYING
YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING!
THE only GOOD TORY is a SUPPOSITORY
Safe Staffing SAVES LIVES

Walkout in UK: Nurses hold banners and placards during a 12-hour strike Wednesday in London. As Britain contends with staggeringly high inflation, nurses are protesting over pay in the latest wave of walkouts that is further pressuring an overburdened health system in the country. Another 12-hour strike by the nurses is planned for Thursday. **KIN CHEUNG/AP**

WASHINGTON — The federal government says it will begin a targeted crackdown on nursing homes' abuse of antipsychotic drugs and misdiagnoses of schizophrenia in patients.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is launching investigations this month into select nursing homes, aimed at verifying whether patients have been properly diagnosed with the psychiatric disorder.

Evidence has mounted over decades that some facilities wrongly diagnose residents with schizophrenia or administer antipsychotic drugs to sedate them, despite dangerous side effects that could include death, according to the agency.

"No nursing home resident should be improperly diagnosed with schizophrenia or given an inappropriate antipsychotic," Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a statement Wednesday.

Some facilities may be dodging increased scrutiny around gratuitous use of antipsychotic medications by coding residents as having schizophrenia, even when they do not show signs of the extremely rare disorder, a government report last year found. Less than 1% of the population is believed to have schizophrenia, which is marked by delusions and disordered thinking.

In 2012, the federal government began tracking when nursing homes use antipsychotics on residents — doing so can impact the facility's quality rating in a public database — but only for those not diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Antipsychotics for those nursing home residents has dropped to under 20% in recent years, according to federal data.

A November report from the HHS Office of the Inspector General, however, revealed that the number of residents reported as having schizophrenia without a corresponding diagnosis skyrocketed between 2015 and 2019, with 99 nursing homes in the country reporting that 20% or more of their residents have the disorder.

CMS will start targeted audits to ask nursing homes for documentation of the diagnoses in the coming days.

Crypto firm founder: A Russian national who founded a cryptocurrency exchange that the Justice Department says became a haven for the proceeds of criminal activity has been arrested, federal officials said Wednesday.

Anatoly Legkodymov, who lives in China, was arrested Tuesday night in Miami and was due in court on a charge of conducting an unlicensed money-transmitting business.

Prosecutors allege that Legkodymov's cryptocurrency exchange, Bitzlato Ltd., of which he served as majority owner, did not implement required anti-money-laundering safeguards and required only minimal identification from its users, even permitting them to supply information belonging to "straw man registrants," people serving as cover for the users.

The company, registered in Hong Kong, was founded in 2016 and operates globally.

The Justice Department said Bitzlato, either directly or through its intermediaries, conducted more than $700 million in cryptocurrency exchanges with users of Hydra Market, a darknet marketplace for drugs, fake identifications and other illegal products.

The Justice Department seized that marketplace last year and shut it down.

The charge Legkodymov, 40, faces carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison upon conviction.

Fed chair tests positive: Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell tested positive Wednesday for COVID-19 and is experiencing "mild symptoms," the Federal Reserve announced.

Powell, 69, is "up to date" with all COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, the Fed said, and is working from home.

The Fed's next interest rate-setting meeting is Jan. 31-Feb. 1, a timetable that could allow Powell to recover in time to participate in person.

If not, an alternative plan would be to return to a virtual meeting, which the Fed held for months during the height of the pandemic.

Polar bear attack: A polar bear chased residents around an isolated Alaska Native whaling village, killing a mother and her 1-year-old son in an extremely rare attack before another community member shot and killed the bear, authorities said.

The mauling happened Tuesday in Wales, located on the western tip of the North American mainland — about 50 miles from Russia — that is no stranger to coexisting with polar bears.

Summer Myomick of Saint Michael and her son, Clyde Ongtowasruk, were killed in the attack, Alaska State Troopers said in a statement.

The predominantly Inupiaq community of roughly 150 people organizes patrols when bears are expected in town, from July through early November, before the sea ice forms and bears head out on the frozen landscape to hunt seals.

The last fatal polar bear encounter in Alaska was in 1990.

Same-sex marriage: The Church of England said Wednesday it will allow blessings for same-sex civil marriages for the first time but same-sex couples still will not be allowed to marry in its churches.

The decision followed five years of debate and consultation on the church's position on sexuality. It is expected to be outlined in a report to the church's national assembly, the General Synod, which is scheduled to meet in February in London.

Under the proposals, the Church of England's stance that the sacrament of matrimony is restricted to unions between one man and one woman will not change. However, same-sex couples would be able to have a church service with prayers of dedication, thanksgiving or for God's blessing after they have a civil wedding or register a civil partnership.

Same-sex marriage has been legal in England and Wales since 2013, but the church did not change its teaching when the law changed.

Dead at 118: A French nun who was believed to be the world's oldest person has died a few weeks before her 119th birthday, her nursing home in southern France said Wednesday.

Lucile Randon, known as Sister Andre, was born in the town of Ales, southern France, on Feb. 11, 1904. As a little girl she was astonished by her first contact with electric lighting at school and, more recently, survived COVID-19.

Spokesman David Tavella said she died at 2 a.m. Tuesday at the Sainte-Catherine-Laboure nursing home in the city of Toulon.

The Gerontology Research Group, which validates details of people thought to be 110 or older, listed Sister Andre as the oldest known person in the world after the death of Japan's Kane Tanaka, aged 119, last year.

The oldest living known person in the world listed by the Gerontology Research Group is now American-born Maria Branyas Morera, who is living in Spain and is 115.

ARTS & LIVING

Alec Phan as Jonathan in "tick, tick ... BOOM!" at BoHo Theatre. **JENN UDONI PHOTOS**

REVIEW 'TICK, TICK BOOM' ★★½

Agony, ecstacy on display

BoHo Theatre production one Jonathan Larson would have appreciated

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

"Looks more like a concert-style staging," I wrote in my notepad Sunday at the start of BoHo Theatre's new production of the late Jonathan Larson's "tick, tick ... BOOM!," before crossing out the sentence. I'd realized that this pre-"Rent" musical actually was penned to look that way, before Lin-Manuel Miranda directed, expanded and elevated the piece into surely the best movie adaptation ever made about the agony and ecstasy of creative desire, insecurity and determination.

Aside from that Netflix film, made with buckets of love by a fellow Broadway romantic, I'd not seen "tick, tick ... BOOM!" since 2012, when Porchlight Theatre produced this musical (very much about the dread of turning 30) in the face of an opening night hailstorm raining down on the roof of the theater as if an expressionistic manifestation of this autobiographical show's internal struggle.

It's a show to which Chicago's young theater artists long have related: I remember a musically spectacular 2006 Pegasus Players version with future "Jersey Boy" Michael Ingersoll, Jess Godwin and Quinton Guyton; and even a terrific 2003 tour downtown directed by Scott Schwartz. Given that Larson died at 35 of an aortic aneurysm in 1996, an incalculable loss, the show has (for those of us who admired him so much) long been freighted with emotion.

BoHo's production, directed by Bo Frazier, is billed as an "all trans and gender-nonconforming production" and, toward the end, the show's anthemic number "Louder than Words," becomes a celebration of the aspirations of that community ("cages or wings, which do you prefer?"). It's a contemporary application in terms of explicit terminology, of course, and it chooses not to worry about evoking the very real people Larson was writing about in the AIDS era. But the concept (if that's the right word) is legitimately rooted in Larson's nonconformist East Village 1990s milieu.

Luke Halpern as Susan in "tick, tick ... BOOM!" at BoHo Theatre.

Larson, of course, was something of an interloper from White Plains; I think, were he still alive, he'd have liked the idea of his show now being used to celebrate folks with a far longer East Village history and heritage than he had himself. With that in mind, TGNC audience members get in for $12.

On opening weekend, the young cast members in the show had a ways to go, musically. More specifically, the three lead performers Crystal Claros (Michael), Alec Phan (Jonathan) and Luke Halpern (Susan) all felt much more secure when singing alone than when performing together. I think that all just needs more work on harmonics and mutual interaction; the hearts and passions are there, especially when the actors face outward and don't disappear too much into themselves. That's also true more generally of the show; what Frazier is trying to do here will work better when he increases togetherness and vulnerability.

I'd also beef up the volume a bit more, helping Phan's young voice — this is, after all, a rock musical wherein Larson was taking on boring old Broadway, even as it was always the locus of his dreams.

When: Through Feb. 5
Where: BoHo Theatre at Edge Theatre, 5451 N. Broadway
Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Tickets: $35 at bohotheatre.com

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Tips that can make moving less stressful

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For many, moving is a stressful life experience. The new year is a popular time for those looking to make a life transition to take the plunge. When it comes time for you or your family to make your move, here are some key tips to keep in mind.

■ Ask family and friends for recommendations. Moving is a very personal experience. It may be best to use a company with which someone you trust has had a positive experience.

■ Secure at least three quotes. The lowest quote may not be the best choice. Be sure to also consider a company's quality of work.

■ Bigger isn't always better. Large companies have multiple crews, and your experience may depend on the movers assigned to your move that day. With a smaller company, you may likely deal directly with the owner or at least get a more personal touch.

■ Looking to save? Pack or unpack yourself. These add-on services may not be needed.

■ Have pricey art or valuables? Look for a company that specializes in crating, wrapping and moving higher-end items. Not every moving company has this level of expertise.

■ Try not to move at the beginning or the end of the month. Many moving companies have different pricing structures depending on the time of the year and/or time of the month.

■ Read reviews. Online reviews from real customers may make an impact on your decision.

■ Oversee your move personally. It is always best for you to be on site on the day of your move.

■ Separate and pack essentials. There may be a delay in receiving all of your belongings. Be sure to keep the essentials packed in a suitcase you can carry with you.

■ Purge and reorganize. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to take your clutter with you!

Moving is a very stressful, personal experience. Take the time to ask family members or friends for recommendations for moving companies they've had success with. **DREAMSTIME**

CELEBRITIES

Snoop Dogg, from left, Gloria Estefan and Sade are among the seven people chosen to join the Songwriters Hall of Fame. The class of 2023 will be inducted in June. **AP PHOTOS**

Songwriters hall names class of '23

From news services

Snoop Dogg, Gloria Estefan, Sade, Jeff Lynne, Glen Ballard, Teddy Riley and Liz Rose have been chosen to join the Songwriters Hall of Fame. The seven songwriters from the class of 2023 will be inducted at a gala June 15 in New York City.

Rapper Snoop Dogg's hits include "Drop It Like It's Hot" and "Gin & Juice." Estefan is credited for popularizing Latin rhythms with such crossover smashes as "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You" and "Let's Get Loud."

The inductees include soul-jazz vocalist Sade, whose 1980s soft rock hits include "Smooth Operator" and "The Sweetest Taboo," and Lynne, of Electric Light Orchestra, who penned "Mr. Blue Sky" and "Evil Woman."

Ballard helped write Alanis Morissette's 1995 album "Jagged Little Pill" and was involved in the recording and writing of several Michael Jackson albums, including "Thriller," "Bad" and "Dangerous."

Riley is credited with creating New Jack Swing and its top anthems such as Bobby Brown's "My Prerogative" and Keith Sweat's "I Want Her." Rose co-wrote many songs with Taylor Swift, including "Teardrops on My Guitar" and "White Horse."

A songwriter with a notable catalog of songs qualifies for induction into the hall of fame 20 years after the first commercial release of a song.

SAG to honor Field: Sally Field will be honored at the Screen Actors Guild Awards with the SAG lifetime achievement award. The guild announced Tuesday that Field, 76, will be the 58th recipient of the tribute award.

"She has an enduring career because she is authentic in her performance and always projects likability and humanity — she just connects," said Fran Drescher, SAG-AFTRA president, in a statement.

Field, an Oscar and Emmy winner, received the National Medal of Arts in 2015 and the Kennedy Center Honor in 2019.

The SAG Awards, set for Feb. 26, will stream live on Netflix's YouTube channel.

Met Gala co-chairs revealed: Celebrities will be channeling the Lagerfeld Look on May 1 at this year's Met Gala. Michaela Coel, Penelope Cruz, Roger Federer, Dua Lipa and Anna Wintour were announced Wednesday as the evening's co-chairs.

The dress code will be "In honor of Karl" — i.e. Lagerfeld, the German-born couturier who worked at Chanel, Fendi and Chloe, and died in 2019. The theme comes from the accompanying exhibit, "Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty," at the Met's Costume Institute.

Renner home from hospital: Actor Jeremy Renner says he is out of the hospital after being treated for serious injuries from a snow plow accident in Nevada on New Year's Day.

In response to a Twitter post Monday about the recent second season premiere of his Paramount+ TV series "Mayor of Kingstown," Renner tweeted, "Outside my brain fog in recovery, I was very excited to watch episode 201 with my family at home."

The snow plow accident left the actor in critical condition with major chest trauma and other injuries, according to a Renner representative.

Jan. 19 birthdays: Actor Tippi Hedren is 93. Journalist Robert MacNeil is 92. Actor Michael Crawford is 81. Actor Shelley Fabares is 79. Singer Dolly Parton is 77. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 70. Actor Katey Sagal is 69. Actor Shawn Wayans is 52. Actor Drea de Matteo is 51. Comedian Frank Caliendo is 49. Actor Jodie Sweetin is 41. Actor Shaunette Renee Wilson is 33.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Marrying woman worries about footing bill

Dear Amy: Recently my partner and I got engaged. (We're both women.)

My parents won't attend our wedding for religious reasons. If it was just us paying for the wedding, we'd be going to city hall and a bar afterward with friends. (I am a full-time grad student.)

My partner's parents are willing to foot the bill. They've been supportive of our relationship and my career, treat me like family and are financially able.

I'm wondering who I can invite? I have a large out-of-town family who, unlike my parents, are supportive.

I'm self-conscious about putting people on my in-laws' tab while my parents are not participating. I want to express gratitude for their generosity, but expressing any preferences in planning feels bratty.

I know I'm running the risk of looking disinterested or ungrateful. I'd rather avoid it all, but don't want my partner or her family to suffer from my parents' absence and their refusal to contribute. Can you offer some direction?

— *Bewildered Bride*

Dear Bewildered: I advocate for couples to finance their own weddings. This involves both parties fully participating to raise the money for their wedding and reception. Couples sometimes do this by going to family members.

In "traditional" weddings, the bride's parents are expected to pay for the wedding reception, and so you could see this offer as hewing to a traditional practice.

What's missing is your participation. Your embarrassment regarding your parents' rejection seems to be suppressing your own obligation, which is to take part in the planning.

Communicating about this will be good practice for the rest of your marriage. Express your concerns to your partner, and the two of you should have a transparent meeting with her parents. (Would any of your extended family be willing to host a rehearsal dinner? This is something to discuss.)

It's important to understand that even if her folks are fully financing the wedding, you and your partner have equal rights to review your guest lists and work together to add to your lists — or winnow them down.

Dear Amy: My ex-fiancee, "Alyse," dumped me because I have women friends. There was nothing other than friendship. My interactions with them never affected my time with Alyse, and I was always transparent.

Even so, Alyse made an ultimatum that I drop my women friends, which I refused, and after a while, she ended the relationship.

Alyse had been seeing a therapist who told her that I "have women friends to feed my ego" and that I "prey on insecure women." Her therapist also discouraged Alyse from going to couples counseling with me when I proposed it. Other than that, our relationship was amazing.

We don't talk now. I miss her like crazy and wonder if I should have given in to her demands, and if there's any way to reconnect. Do you have any suggestions?

— *Missing Her*

Dear Missing: It is hard to imagine a therapist advising against joint counseling, unless with an abuser. "Alyse" may have misrepresented her therapist's views.

You say that your interactions with women friends never affected your time with Alyse, and yet they did, because these relationships brought forth so much insecurity.

She laid down her nonnegotiables and followed through. That's the point of an ultimatum. I suspect that if you had given in, other issues would have surfaced. I suggest that you move on.

Dear Amy: It is hard to fathom that you stated the following in response to a reader regarding tipping: "I do agree that the whole experience is upside down: Restaurant workers are underpaid, and consumers are expected to foot the bill."

Of course consumers will foot the bill! "Footing the bill" will be either via tips directly to those who serve us or higher restaurant prices if owners are required to pay more to employees. It may be time for a refresher econ class.

— *Reader*

Dear Reader: Great point! I should have noted that entrusting a server's income to consumers instead of employers might be one reason for the staff shortage in restaurants.

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Let home color trends guide you

The latest fads can help inspire your decor if the options feel like too much

By Hunter Boyce
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

For a welcoming and natural look, warm green tones can add vibrant personality to a kitchen space. **DREAMSTIME**

With a new year comes new trends. And while interior design is more about personal taste and bold creativity, trends are cornerstones of good design in their own right. They can guide your designs when you don't feel particularly inspired. And they can inform your choices when all of the options feel like too much.

According to Realtor.com, six paint colors will be influencing 2023's interior design trends.

Warm greens

For a comforting and natural look, warm green tones are a great way to go.

Warm greens are welcoming colors that feel rich yet vibrant, Gena Kirk, vice president of Corporate Design Studio, told Realtor.com. We have seen an increased interest in greens in kitchen spaces as people look to move away from solid white and gray spaces.

Bolder grays

According to Decorilla lead interior designer Devin Shaffer, bolder gray shades are spreading fast.

Clients have been bored with the shortlist of grays that builders and paint specialists default to, he told Realtor.com. Fortunately, more inventive hues continue to pop up.

This color is perfect for living spaces, entryways and bedrooms. When used in an entryway, it can help set a welcoming tone. If used in the bedroom, it can evoke feelings of rest and repose. A large portion of our clients mention the words "sanctuary" or "retreat" when describing how they want their homes to feel.

Neutrals

Neutrals never go out of style, so expect earthy tones to remain popular next year.

They provide a foundation that you can layer on, change seasonally and update periodically, Kirk told Realtor.com. That blank canvas provides a backdrop for homebuyers to envision their own version of the space and how special mementos, heirlooms and art might make it their own.

Mustard yellows

For a little extra color in your living space, consider a mustard yellow.

Easy-to-work-with mustard tones can find their way into your home naturally, Robin DeCapua, owner and designer at Madison Modern Home, told Realtor.com. Keep in mind that darker walls dictate lighter furniture, so be sure to mix creamy whites with this color — not gray — as it truly has a warm base.

Navy blues

Navy blue offers a safer route for those looking to spice up their living spaces with a bold color. Alex Capozzolo, co-founder of SD House Guys, told Realtor.com that the color has become increasingly more popular.

Navy blue has been steadily increasing in popularity over the past few years and is expected to be a major color trend in 2023, Capozzolo said. Try using it as an accent wall, or pair it with lighter shades of blue for a more subtle effect.

Understated reds

Subtle reds are back in a big way, Fig Linens and Home's Carlin van Noppen said.

Soft, understated reds add a splash of color while retaining the neutral feel of exposed brick, he told Realtor.com. This means that prospective buyers will be impressed with the put-together look of your space and be able to imagine themselves in it.

What to watch

THURSDAY

January 19, 2023

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Junji Ito Maniac: Japanese Tales of the Macabre

Netflix ■ New Series

Twenty chilling tales penned by horror manga master Junji Ito, all with the shared theme of madness, are adapted in this anime series.

That '90s Show

Netflix ■ New Series

This direct spinoff of the hit 1998-2006 sitcom That '70s Show is set in 1995 and goes back to Point Place, Wisconsin, where Leia Forman (Callie Haverda), daughter of Eric and Donna (Topher Grace and Laura Prepon, who, along with Ashton Kutcher, Mila Kunis and Wilmer Valderrama, make guest appearances in their original roles), is spending the summer with grandparents Kitty and Red (Debra Jo Rupp and Kurtwood Smith, reprising their characters as series regulars). There, Leia bonds with a new generation of Point Place kids.

NBA Basketball

NBA TV & TNT, Beginning at 2 p.m. Live

The NBA visits France for a matchup between the Chicago Bulls and the Detroit Pistons at Accor Arena in Paris on NBA TV. TNT's primetime doubleheader has the Golden State Warriors at the Boston Celtics and the Brooklyn Nets at the Phoenix Suns.

'That '90s Show'

PATRICK WYMORE, NETFLIX

Walker

The CW, 7 p.m.

In "Buffering," Cordell (Jared Padalecki) and Cassie (Ashley Reyes) intervene in a hostage situation at a server farm, and August (Kale Culley) tries to smooth things over with his grandparents.

Mystic

UPtv, 7 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Set on the fictional peninsula of Kauri Point, this New Zealand-set family drama tells the story of Issie Brown (Macey Chipping), her newfound relationships with the town's teen horse riders and their efforts to save their area from industrial development. Season Two takes place three months after the events of the first season. In the premiere episode, the gang uncovers a new threat to the forest and the wild herd of horses, while Issie's visions from Mystic become more mysterious than ever, and a new arrival in town causes trouble for her and Dan (Max Crean).

Christina in the Country

HGTV, 7 p.m.

In "Diamond in the Rough," with three young boys and a 1-week-old baby girl, Nick and Kristen enlist Christina Hall's help to transform their dark and dysfunctional kitchen. Christina and her husband, Josh Hall, also find a potential investment property that could be more than they bargained for.

Walker Independence

The CW, 8 p.m.

In "Strange Bedfellows," Abby (Katherine McNamara) starts to question everything she thought to be true, and Gus (Philemon Chambers) makes a move no one sees coming.

Married to Real Estate

HGTV, 8 p.m.

In "Big Dreams From Beantown," first-time homebuyers John and Shavon just moved from Boston and are looking for a house that checks all the boxes. Open concept and a modern design with earthy tones are a must, but more importantly, the house must pass their dog Oliver's "vibe check." While Egypt Sherrod and Mike Jackson push the budget to transform the couple's house into the ideal dream home, they also make a bet about whether their own family dog belongs indoors or outside.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Maleficent'

DISNEY

Monster Hunter (2020, Fantasy) Milla Jovovich, Ron Perlman **FX, 5 p.m.**

Zombieland (2009, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg **BBC America, 5 p.m.**

The Intern (2015, Comedy-drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway **E!, 5:30 p.m.**

Dr. Dolittle 2 (2001, Children) Eddie Murphy, Kristen Wilson **Freeform, 6 p.m.**

Dying for a Crown (2022, Suspense) Jennifer Titus, Catharine Daddario **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Gnomeo & Juliet (2011, Children) James McAvoy, Emily Blunt **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Hearts of Winter (2011, Children) James McAvoy, Emily Blunt **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Olympus Has Fallen (2013, Action) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart **USA, 7 p.m.**

Zombieland (2009, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg **FX, 7 p.m.**

Maleficent (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning **Freeform, 8 p.m.**

The Intern (2015, Comedy-drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway **E!, 8 p.m.**

The Shoplifting Pact (2022, Suspense) Alicia Leigh Willis, Fidelia Grace **LMN, 9 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Special Theme: The Jewish Experience

TCM, Beginning at 7 p.m.

TCM has dedicated every Thursday in January to showcasing films that have touched on the Jewish experience. Included in the lineup for this evening are the following five films: 1988 Golden Globe nominee **Crossing Delancey (pictured),** about a single woman (Amy Irving) in Manhattan who meets a man (Peter Riegert) through her Jewish grandmother's (Reizl Bozyk) matchmaker; **Over the Brooklyn Bridge** (1984), in which a Jewish deli owner in Brooklyn (Elliott Gould) asks his uncle for a loan but must give up his Gentile girlfriend (Margaux Hemingway) in order to get it; longtime roommates and friends (Melanie Mayron and Anita Skinner) face challenges to their relationship when one gets engaged and moves out of their New York City apartment in **Girlfriends** (1978); a Polish rabbi (Gene Wilder) befriends a bank robber with a heart of gold (Harrison Ford) on his way to San Francisco in **The Frisco Kid** (1979), an unusual adventure comedy about a pair of unlikely friends; and lastly, the Oscar-nominated **Au Revoir les Enfants** (1987), which tells the story of a Catholic boarding school in World War II-era France hiding a Jewish student from the the Nazis and is based on a true incident from writer/director Louis Malle's life.

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From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

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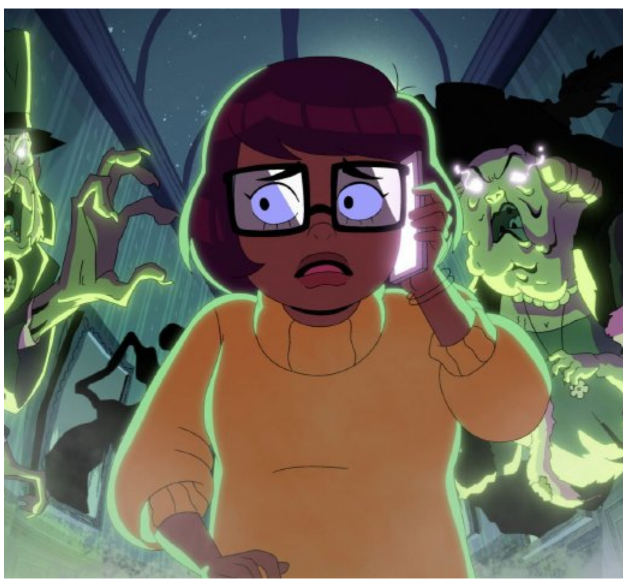
TV REVIEW

'Scooby-Doo' origin story 'Velma' can't scare up reason for existing

By Joshua Alston
Variety


Velma Dinkley, voiced by Mindy Kaling, in "Velma." **HBO MAX**

If the rule for covers of widely cherished songs — make it your own or leave it alone — holds for adaptations of beloved television shows, then in one respect, HBO Max's "Velma" is a towering success.

This thoroughly modern re-imagining of "Scooby-Doo" maintains the load-bearing beams of the more than 50-year-old cartoon's lore. It's still set in Crystal Cove, a coastal enclave known for its gem deposits, teenage busybodies and an overpopulation of either ghosts or fallen magnates with a passion for cosplay.

Beyond that, "Velma" is irreverent to a fault. Starring Mindy Kaling and developed by her longtime collaborator Charlie Grandy, "Velma" treats most of the "Scooby" canon as suggestions whispered too low to be heard. The most obvious detour is the absence of the iconic talking dog, as "Velma" is a prequel set well before the events of the seminal "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!" As the title suggests, it's an origin story for Velma Dinkley (Kaling), who will go on to become the bookish, dowdy and aggressively queer-coded member of Scooby's ghost-hunting coterie.

In Grandy's treatment, Velma lives with her attorney father, Aman (Russell Peters), and his persnickety girlfriend, Sophie (Melissa Fumero). She's already navigating a complicated love rhombus with future colleagues Fred (Glen Howerton), Daphne (Constance Wu) and a not-yet-shaggy Norville Rogers (Sam Richardson). But Velma's most complicated relationship is with her mother, Diya (Sarayu Blue), who disappeared suspiciously. Velma now only sees her in immobilizing hallucinations in which a vengeful ghost blames Velma — and her passion for solving mysteries — for Diya's disappearance. But a mystery solver is exactly what Crystal Cove needs, what with a serial killer stealing the brains of the high school's "hottest girls."

Much will be made of the demographic swaps. Velma is Indian American, Norville is Black, and Daphne appears to be of Asian descent, though she's the adopted daughter of married lesbian detectives Donna and Linda (Jane Lynch and Wanda Sykes). Only Fred retains his identity as the boy next door in the all-white neighborhood, and much is made of his privilege throughout the series.

But these characters are unpleasant to spend time with, and it starts at the top with Velma, whose selfish and misanthropic tendencies aren't diluted by her moments of vulnerability. Norville is a joy, but a teetotaler deeply opposed to recreational drugs.

Norville as a drug-free square is what passes for meta-humor in "Velma," which goes out of its way to deconstruct or lampoon every aspect of the source material. Velma's famous catchphrase — "Jinkies!" — is contextualized as part of one of the overworked plot lines, and another character accuses her of trying to coin a catchphrase. As a joke, it kind of works. As a reference to "Scooby-Doo," it adds nothing. That applies to all the dialogue, which doesn't change at all from character to character, each of them firing off pop culture references like a tommy gun. Far too many of the referential jokes are about romantic comedy tropes and could be plucked as-is out of "Velma" and dropped into "The Mindy Project," another Kaling-Grandy collaboration.

Many of those jokes are genuinely funny, but the jokes could belong to just about any contemporary sitcom, so what exactly makes "Scooby-Doo" the ideal canvas for this vision as opposed to any other property? That never becomes clear in the eight episodes of "Velma" screened for critics, which are absent even a wisp of genuine reverence for the source material. The biggest mystery of "Velma" is why it needs to exist.

How to Watch: HBO Max

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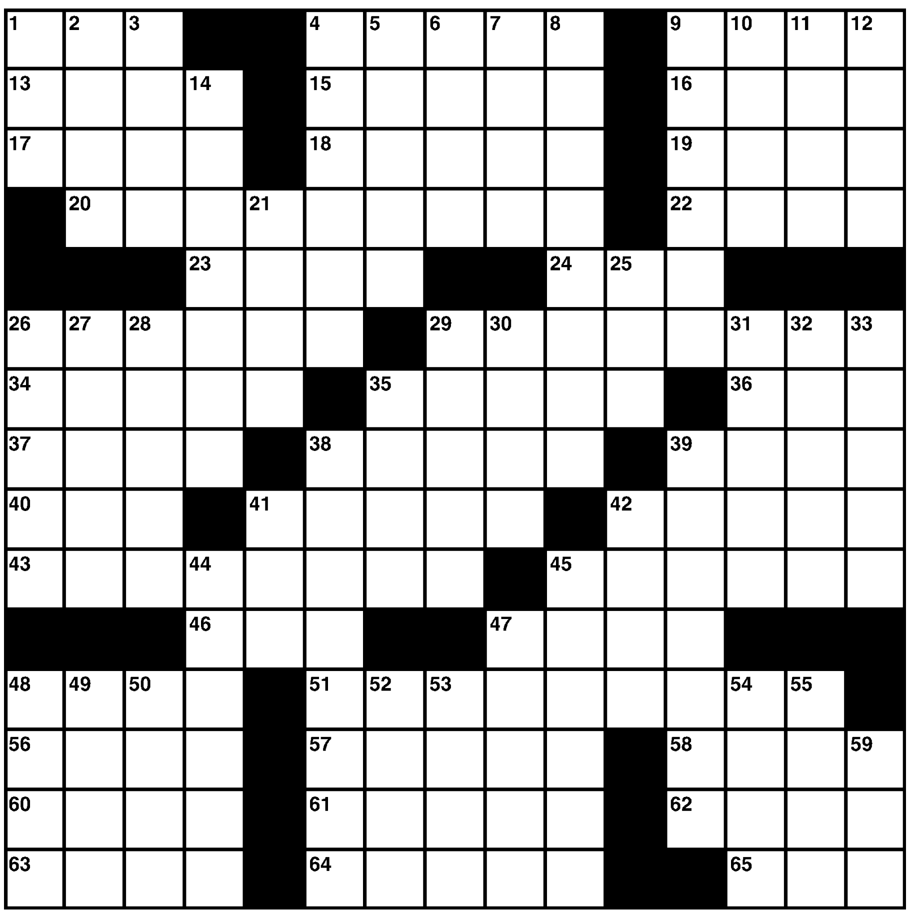

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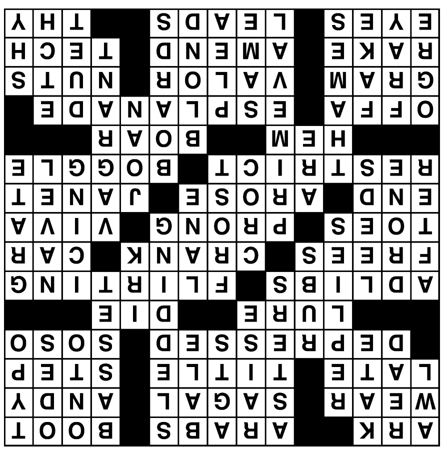

ASK THE BUILDER

Build a magic playhouse or clubhouse

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

Many decades ago, I was a small lad, right in the middle of the baby boom created by soldiers and sailors returning from World War II.

There were no fewer than 10 kids on my street that were within two years of me in age. Two were brothers that lived just 200 feet from my house. Woods surrounded all the houses on our street. Behind their house, the previous homeowner had constructed a magnificent tiny cabin for his kids. We immediately made this our clubhouse and meeting place for all outdoor adventures.

Thinking back, this one-room cabin measured only 8 feet deep by 12 feet long. It had a small covered front porch. I can't begin to share with you how much fun all of us had in this tiny building that looked not much different from POW bunkhouses that my own father slept in. The inside walls were not covered; you could see the wood wall studs and the roof rafters. We didn't care because we didn't know any better being 8, 9 and 10 years old. We just wanted our own private little space away from our parents.

Midwinter is a good time as any to start to plan to build a similar playhouse or clubhouse for that special young person in your life. It's not that hard to do when you consider that the job is not much different than eating an elephant. Those are best eaten one bite at a time.

You can have extra fun if you include your little ones in this planning stage. Look at photos online of playhouses and clubhouses. Ask your junior architects what they want in their playhouse. Try to accommodate as many requests as possible that make sense. Talk to them about helping build it so they'll have rich memories of the project as they grow older. You can get inspiration to build one of these by just spending 10 minutes looking inside the prefab sheds they sell at big box stores in your town. They have simple wood floors, plain-vanilla two-by-four walls, and the roof rafters can be two-by-sixes.

The playhouse you build for your child or grandchild doesn't have to be this elaborate. Simple works well, too. **TIM CARTER**

The first step in the process is to check with your local building and zoning department. You need to see what the stipulations might be for outdoor structures like a garden shed or storage shed. That's what you'll call this tiny building that you intend to build. You may discover that a structure like this can't exceed a certain size and that it must be placed a certain distance from your property line.

In my opinion, the next biggest concern is wind. It's not uncommon for windstorms and violent thunderstorms to blow outdoor sheds over. This happens if the tiny building is not secured to the ground. Buried concrete piers that extend below the frost level of your area do a great job of preventing your new clubhouse from tumbling. Inexpensive metal connectors connect to steel anchor bolts that are placed in these concrete piers. I have a series of videos at AsktheBuilder.com that show you how to build these piers and place the anchor bolts.

Building the floor and walls for this tiny building is also simple. I'd recommend you use treated floor joists as well as treated plywood. You can buy this plywood at just about any traditional lumber yard that sells treated dimensional lumber. If you use untreated plywood or oriented strand board (OSB), within a few years it will start to rot and become spongy. You'll discover more videos on my website showing you how to build the floor and the walls.

Framing the roof of your playhouse/clubhouse might be the most challenging aspect of this project. I have videos about this too, and you'll discover there are many helpful videos on the internet showing you how to cut the simple rafters for a project like this. It's very easy, and all you need is a simple framing square and a circular saw.

In my opinion, it's best to plan ahead. The little urchins who will use this structure will grow out of it. Think about how you can use it once they get interested in other activities. Maybe you'll use it to store your garden tractor, snowblower or other yard care tools. If so, think about how you can add a ramp at a later date to get these things in and out of the shed.

Make use of natural light. The clubhouse I played in didn't have a skylight. It had one small window. When the door was closed, it was pretty dark inside. With very little effort, you can install a simple skylight in the roof that will make all the difference in the world. As crazy as this sounds, a simple piece of plexiglass plastic laced into the roof shingles will suffice. Be sure to cover the wood roof sheathing with 30-pound tar paper to prevent wood rot should you not be an expert roofer! This inexpensive material is installed before you nail on the asphalt shingles.

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Midwinter ideal time to prune most shrubs

By Beth Botts
For Chicago Tribune

Midwinter is an excellent time to get outdoors and prune shrubs.

"You can prune shrubs any time, but it's often easier when they are leafless and dormant," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "You can see their branching structure without foliage in the way."

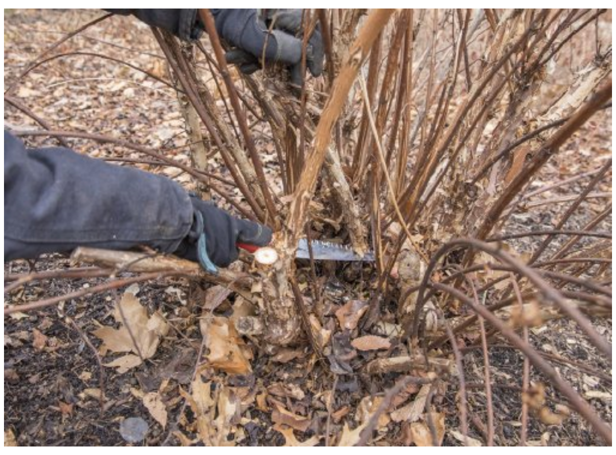
Pruning when shrubs are actively growing often stimulates a burst of disorderly new growth. That won't happen if you prune while the plants are dormant. Instead, pruning now will direct their growth once the growing season starts.

Because diseases and insects are also dormant in cold weather, winter pruning is less likely to spread diseases or pests. "You still need to practice good hygiene, such as disinfecting your pruners between cuts with alcohol," she said.

Here are some tips from the Plant Clinic for winter pruning:

Choose what to prune. Midwinter pruning is best for deciduous shrubs, not evergreens. "Wait to prune evergreens until April or so, just before their spring burst of growth begins," Janoski said.

You'll also want to avoid winter pruning of shrubs that bloom in spring, such as forsythia, lilac, flowering quince, and viburnum. "These shrubs carry their flower buds through winter, so if you prune them now, you will be removing flower buds that would bloom this spring," she said. It won't hurt the plant, but it will diminish this spring's bloom show. Find a chart that tells when to prune many species of garden shrubs at mortonarb.org/prune-timing. The Plant Clinic can help you identify shrubs.


To rejuvenate a dormant shrub, cut back one-third of the oldest, largest stems near the ground.
BETH BOTTS/MORTON ARBORETUM

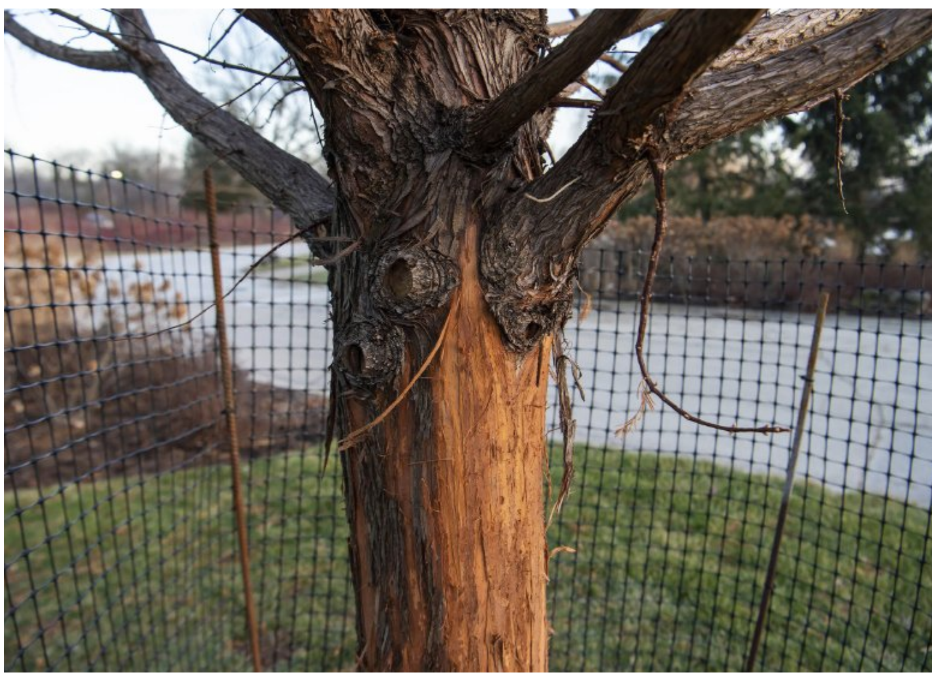
Use sharp tools. Sharp pruners and saws will make clean cuts that are less likely to admit disease or decay and will seal up more quickly. "It's also easier to cut when your tools are sharp," she said.

Keep it natural. Most shrubs look best and will be healthiest if they are pruned selectively with hand pruners, branch by branch, in a way that respects their natural form. Use power hedge trimmers only for formal hedges.

Prune for a purpose. Before you start, think through why you are pruning the plant. "Not every shrub needs pruning at all," she said. "But if you do prune, your reasons should guide the technique you use." If you aim to reduce the shrub's size or just want to tidy up its outline, you may only remove a few branches that stick out. To open up a shrub to air circulation and give it a more graceful form, rejuvenate it by cutting back one-third of the oldest, largest stems near the ground. If the shrub is a dense tangle, you may need to renew it by cutting the whole thing back. Learn more about pruning techniques at mortonarb.org/shrub-prune.

Pause and reflect. Every few cuts, step back and check if you've done enough to achieve your desired effect. "It's possible to get carried away," Janoski said. If you prune too much, there's no need to worry, she said: "The plant will nearly always recover in time."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (630-719-2424, mortonarb.org/plant-clinic, or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.


Deer damage — which is caused by rubbing antlers against the trunks of trees — usually occurs in the fall, not the winter, meaning winter damage is likely caused by squirrels.
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GARDEN Q&A

Tree damage in winter probably not from deer

Likely another culprit though

By Tim Johnson
For Chicago Tribune

"I recently discovered damage to the bark on my dawn redwood. Could this be caused by deer? What can I do to prevent more damage?"
— Darren Cosgrove, Palatine

The peeling bark on your dawn redwood was probably caused by squirrels. Deer damage — which is caused by rubbing antlers against the trunks of trees — usually occurs in fall and not winter.

Deer also prefer young, smooth-barked trees to rub. If the damage on the tree goes up into the crown, this indicates it was not a deer rubbing the trunk of the tree. The bark will appear more shredded when a deer is rubbing against the trunk.

The small scrape marks on the trunk of the tree could be from the squirrel's teeth. I have observed similar damage to maples in this area, with the damage occurring higher up the in the tree. Branches can be girdled and killed if the bark is completely removed from around the branch.

There is not a clear reason why squirrels peel bark, so there is not much you can do to prevent this from occurring or to anticipate when it might happen again. They may be feeding on the sugar-rich phloem, searching for a water source, or wearing down their incisors.

This should not be a problem in the long term for your tree unless the squirrels are able to really peel into the deeper areas of the bark and affect the cambium. A tree in the Chicago Botanic Garden's Dwarf Conifer Garden showed similar damage last year, and it shows no signs of permanent damage.

Wrapping the trunk would be prudent, however, with the extensive peeling that has occurred, and to discourage more damage to the tree. Your tree should recover from the damage.

For more plant advice, contact the Plant Information Service at the Chicago Botanic Garden at plantinfo@chicagobotanic.org. Tim Johnson is senior director of horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

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2023 housing trend shifting to neutral market

With low inventory, soaring prices and sometimes even bidding wars, the last couple of years have favored sellers in the home buying market.

Even with — and because of — rising interest rates, that trend is starting to change to the benefit of homebuyers who may find that 2023 is the perfect time to buy or build a house.

"I think there has been a shift to a buyers' market," says Andy Stern, Illinois Division president with Pulte Homes. "It's trending that way. Interest rates are higher, but they are still lower than they have been historically."

The Chicago area residential real estate market is moving to a more level playing field for buyers and sellers, agree Holly Kapsa Priestley and Holly Connors, both of the GetBurbed team at @properties.

The easing competition for houses is reflected in data, which shows what demand was like prior to when the Covid-19 pandemic hit in 2020 and currently.

Citing Midwest Real Estate Data that reviews all residential housing in the Chicago area, Priestley and Connors note that each residential housing listing needed only 5.3 showings in 2019 to get a contract. Now (in late 2022) houses need 8.6 showings to get a contract. Additionally, the list-price to sales-price ratio has leveled to 98.5%, suggesting that negotiations are back in play.

Priestley says the current market has benefits for both buyers and sellers. Sellers are able to get more than 95% of list price and extreme bidding for available houses is no longer a constant.

The majority of independent economists and housing experts polled in 2022 in the Zillow Home Price Expectations Survey says that typical home values are going down slightly across the U.S. and decreasing more steeply in some of the most expensive metros, as well as those that grew the fastest over the past two years.

Photo courtesy of @properties

Higher interest rates in 2023 are expected to lead to reduced competition for housing, which should be good for buyers who are prepared and ready to purchase.

Limited inventory, a problem that plagued homebuyers over the last couple of years, seems to be easing. A fall 2022 market report by Zillow showed listings typical time on market, while rising, is still 11 days shorter than in 2019. Inventory is increasing as well, but is still down almost 42% compared to 2019.

The majority of the panel — 56% — expect a significant shift in buyers' favor by sometime next year. Another 24% predicted that shift would come in 2024, 13% pointed to 2025, and just 8% expect it after 2025.

Craig Shodeen, president of Geneva-based Shodeen Homes, a family-owned and operated homebuilder for more than 60 years, offers his outlook on the 2023 new construction market.

"We're very optimistic about the new housing market in 2023. Total construction starts rose 17% in 2022 and, while I don't expect that growth in 2023, I don't expect a significant decline either. Labor shortages and supply chain issues will remain a challenge in 2023, but I expect an improvement on both of those fronts versus 2022. The shortage of materials, such as concrete, copper and overhead garage doors, continues to be a challenge. I anticipate a moderate rise in mortgage interest rates with new mortgage products being introduced that allow buyers to purchase a new home."

Shodeen Homes is prepared for the spring market with available new construction inventory. It appears there will be low resale inventory with a moderate dip in resale pricing, making new construction inventory and pricing more attractive to homebuyers, Shodeen says.

Shodeen Homes builds homes in Illinois and Wisconsin. The company currently offers ranch and two-story homes at Elburn Station in Elburn, Norton Lake in Campton Hills and Reston Ponds and Heron Creek in Sycamore as well as at Stone Ridge and Edgewood Vistas in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Kim Wirtz, a Realtor with Century 21 Real Estate, also believes the tide is changing.

"The market is shifting to a neutral market," Wirtz says. "It's going to be heading to a buyers' market."

Higher interest rates are expected to lead to reduced competition for housing, which should be a boon for buyers who are prepared and ready to purchase.

"There is less competition so there is more inventory," Wirtz says.

Another benefit of a softening seller's market is that sellers may be willing to give up on certain things.

"Sellers are more willing to negotiate," Wirtz says.

Wirtz notes that sellers who previously had not been willing to accept an offer without the typical 20% down payment may be willing to budge on that. They also may be willing to pay for closing costs, provide home warranties or offer credits to buy down points so a loan costs less for the buyer.

While homebuilders may experience cancellations among buyers who've decided now is not the right time to purchase a new home, Stern says that has not happened for Pulte.

"We haven't seen the run-up in cancellations that others have

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Start the new year in a new ranch or two-story from Shodeen Homes

If you're wanting to start the 2023 in a new home, Shodeen Homes, a family-owned and operated builder for over 60 years, has a selection of ranch and two-story designs ready for move-in at communities in Illinois and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

"The new year is a time to reflect, renew and refresh," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "What better way to start the new year off right than in a new ranch or two-story home? We're offering some of Shodeen's most popular open-concept designs featuring gourmet island kitchens, flex rooms, first-floor bedrooms, three-car garages, full basements and more for immediate or early 2023 move-in."

Harmon also adds that every Shodeen Home includes industry-leading energy-efficient features that help buyers save money, particularly during cold, winter months.

"Shodeen goes beyond industry standards to include energy-efficient features such as a house wrap air infiltration barrier system, 92% energy efficient forced air gas furnace, high-efficiency central air conditioning, Energy Star Power 50-gallon hot water heater and insulated sidewall, vapor barrier, attic and exterior basement walls," Harmon says. "In addition, every Shodeen home is backed by a 1-, 5- and 10-year warranty, giving buyers peace of mind on their new home purchase."

Start the new year in a new Shodeen home at the communities:

Start 2023 in a new ranch or two-story home at Shodeen communities in Illinois or Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Norton Lake in Campton Hills

Centered around a 10-acre lake and within walking distance of Bell-Graham Elementary School, part of St. Charles School District 303, homes for quick move-in at Norton Lake range from 2,579 to 2,993 square feet in size with three or four bedrooms, two to four baths, unfinished lookout or standard deep-pour basements and three-car, side-load garages.

Quick move-in homes are priced from $673,000.

Elburn Station in Elburn

Elburn Station, Shodeen's newest 505-acre master-planned community, is walking distance to downtown Elburn and centered around the Elburn Metra station with daily service to downtown Chicago. Low-maintenance Village homes are available now from 1,593 to 1,921 square feet in size with three bedrooms, 2½ baths, basements, two-car garages and are priced from $379,000.

Traditional ranch and two-story homes, priced from the low $400s, are also available and range from 1,613 to 2,674 square feet in size with three or four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, full basements, master bedroom suites with luxury baths, family rooms with fireplaces, dens and two- or three-car garages.

Elburn Station is served by Kaneland School District 302.

Reston Ponds in Sycamore

Reston Ponds is situated in the I-88 corridor and features ponds, gazebos and walking trails. Homes for quick move-in are priced from $375,000 and range from 1,613 to 2,693 square feet with three or four bedrooms, 2½ baths, full basements and two- or 2½-car garages. Children attend Sycamore School District 427 schools, with Southeast Elementary School located within Reston Ponds.

Squires Crossing in Maple Park

One minute from the corner of Route 38 and County Line Road, Squires Crossing has a Sundance ranch plan priced at $380,000 for immediate delivery. The 1,860-square-foot home backs to open space and includes three bedrooms, two baths, island kitchen open to a great room with fireplace, full, unfinished basement for storage or future living space and two-car garage.

Stone Ridge and Edgewood Vistas in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Just west of Route 12 and north of 120, Stone Ridge, less than one mile to downtown Lake Geneva and Geneva Lake, offers two ranch homes for early 2023 delivery. Highlights of the 1,860-square-foot Sundance ranch priced at $598,700, include three bedrooms, two baths, gourmet island kitchen open to the great room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace, white oak plank flooring, partially finished walkout basement with bathroom, 2½ car garage and fully sodded homesite with landscaping package.

Also available, the 2,089-square-foot Newberry ranch, priced at $674,000, features three bedrooms, two baths, charming covered front porch, gourmet island kitchen open to the great room with fireplace and vaulted ceiling, full, unfinished basement, two-car garage and fully sodded homesite with landscaping package.

Edgewood Vistas is set among rolling hills and bordered by 2.7 acres of mature trees that will include a future nature walking path. Homes for quick move-in are priced from $475,00 and range from 1,613 to 2,230 square feet in size with three bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, lofts per plan, gourmet kitchens, great rooms with fireplaces, full standard or lookout basements and attached 2½-car garages.

Both Edgewood Vistas and Stone Ridge are in Walworth County and are served by Lake Geneva School District J1, including Badger High School. The communities are within walking distance of Geneva Lake.

To learn more about starting your new year in a new Shodeen ranch or two-story home in Illinois or Wisconsin, visit shodeenhomes.com or call 630-232-8181.

A homeowner's guide to ice dams

Cold weather contributes to many different conditions that can affect homes. When winds are blowing fiercely, homeowners may soon discover deficits in insulation or in caulking around windows and doors. Icy conditions can cause walkways and stairs to become slick.

One winter condition can cause extensive headaches and damage and could be a mystery to many homeowners. Ice dams occur when warm air in the attic heats up the roof and melts accumulated snow. Water from this melt runs down the roof and refreezes when it reaches the colder roof edge. A mound of ice forms at the lower edge of the roofline as a result.

Ice dams may help create a picturesque winter vista, with icicles hanging and glinting in the sunlight, but they can cause significant damage. According to experts, ice dams can weigh hundreds of pounds if they get large enough, potentially affecting the structural integrity of roof eaves. In addition, ice dams can cause melted runoff to back up under roof shingles. This water can eventually make its way inside, ruining ceilings and walls. The roof, gutters, insulation, interior drywall, and other home surfaces can be damaged if ice dams are left unchecked.

The following are some conditions that make a home vulnerable to ice dam formation:

- The presence of snow on the roof.
- An average outdoor temperature that is 32 degrees or lower.

- A roof surface temperature above 32 degrees at its higher points and below 32 degrees at the lower end.
- Indoor heat making its way to the underside of the roof.

Homeowners should take a few steps to address ice dams. The first is preventing future ice dams from forming. According to First American Roofing and Siding, LLC, improving insulation in the ceiling below the attic and addressing any inefficiencies in th home is necessary. A professional can do a blower door test, which works by depressu izing the home and using a thermal camera to find areas where insulation is poor. In addition, adequate ventilation under the roof deck is necessary so cold air can circulate and prevent the attic from getting so warm that it will melt the snow on the roof.

The next step is to remove excess snow from the roof with a roof rake and keeping gutters clear. If ice dams have already formed, hire a professional to remove them, as it can be dangerous to do it oneself.

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Take control of clutter to ease your mind

Do you feel overwhelmed or depressed when your house is messy and disorganized? If so, you're not alone. According to mental health experts, clutter can lead to higher stress levels, relationship issues, trouble focusing, and a diminished quality of life.

So, putting forth the effort to clear clutter from your home could help you become happier and healthier. On the other hand, decluttering can be a daunting task, and if it feels too overwhelming, you might put it off indefinitely. Never fear. Closets by Design has put together a few simple ideas to help you take control of your physical and mental space.

Let the professionals from Closets by Design help you clear clutter from your home.

Take care of the kitchen

It's said that the kitchen is the heart of the home. If your kitchen is about to burst from all the stuff crammed in it, that's not a good sign for your heart — literally. Clutter and disorganization can increase the production of the stress hormone cortisol, leading to chronic stress, so make sure your kitchen is as clutter-free as it can be.

Take a good look around the room. Are small appliances crowding the countertops? Maybe cereal boxes are piled on the table, or bags of onions and potatoes are stashed on top of the refrigerator. Find a place in your pantry or cabinets to store all of these things. If you need additional storage space, let the professionals at Closets by Design put together the perfect custom pantry for your needs. Closets by Design's adjustable shelves allow you to store appliances and cereal boxes of varying sizes, and features like bins, pull-out shelves, dividers, and drawers provide ample space for other dry ingredients, canned goods or fresh produce. You'll love the way your kitchen feels when you have an organized pantry and can clear the clutter from your countertops.

Clean your desk

Whether you're working from home, studying for an exam, or simply paying monthly bills, it's important to have a clean workspace. As reported by the Mayo Clinic, "a cluttered environment can make your brain less effective at processing information — and more prone to frustration." Having an organized desk can help you work more efficiently.

Begin cleaning your desk by sorting through any piled-up mail or papers. Throw out junk mail immediately and make files for the paperwork you need to keep. Stash office supplies (like pens, paper clips, and scissors) in decorative cups or jars. When you're ready to take your home office to the next level of productivity, check out the stylish offerings on the Closets by Design website. Closets by Design's custom desks, combined with cabinets and shelving, will transform your existing workspace into the ultimate home office.

Organize your closet

Have you ever gotten into an argument with your partner or roommate because one person is messier than the other or someone's stuff is taking up too much room? If so, you know that clutter can cause relationship issues, sometimes serious ones. Perhaps more than any other space, the bedroom closet is frequently at the center of the conflict. But you don't have to let a little clutter spoil an otherwise good relationship.

Begin work on your closet by getting rid of clothing the two of you don't wear on a regular basis. Throw away, donate, or sell any items that are worn out, don't fit, or you no longer need. Store clothes that are out of season in plastic bins under the bed or in another room. Use all available space as you begin to put clothes back in the closet. Better still — consult with the experts from Closets by Design. They can maximize every inch of space in your closet by adding adjustable shelving, slanted shoe shelves, a sliding belt rack, cubbies, jewelry drawers, or other features required for your specific needs. Whether you have a walk-in or reach-in closet, they will help you utilize its full potential.

Since 1982, Closets by Design has been helping customers improve their living spaces by offering high-quality products and exceptional service at a great value. Closets by Design can't promise that its products will improve your mental health, but they can help you reduce clutter in your home. To schedule a free in-home consultation, call 1-800-BY DESIGN or visit closetsbydesign.com.

Home renovation trends that will match your style

In previous years, home remodeling projects were often done with the goal of increasing resale value. Recently, however, homeowners have been staying in their properties longer and are making these projects a priority of functionality as well as a reflection of personal style.

Before homeowners begin thinking about the changes they'd like to make, they need to think about how a renovation may affect their home insurance policy. Their policy may need to be remodeled too.

"A common oversight when redesigning a home is the impact a new kitchen or bathroom remodel might have on their homeowners insurance," says Bonnie Lee, Mercury Insurance vice president of Property Claims. "If a renovation project leaves a gap in your existing coverage and is later damaged or destroyed, your insurance policy might not protect the upgrades you've made. You need to contact your insurance agent to discuss any renovations you're considering."

Two of the most highly used areas of the home are the kitchen and bath, places many people start considering when it comes to renovations. According to BluPeak Credit Union, the average loan for a kitchen remodel is $50,000 while the average loan for a bathroom remodel can cost up to $25,000. Most loans to fund the cost of remodeling the kitchen and bathroom area, including flooring, can total up to $100,000. Home improvement experts are seeing the following as an integration of personal style with form and functionality to these busy areas.

Opening up space

Open concepts throughout the home are still popular when it comes to remodeling the kitchen and bathroom. Giving a room an open feel can be as simple as installing mirrors or additional lighting to removing a non-weight-bearing wall or installing skylights. The idea is to create an environment that allows for a sense of space even though the square footage hasn't changed.

"I consider the concept of an open kitchen as not only one of functionality, but also as a reflection of the homeowner's lifestyle," says interior designer Joy Cho. "When cooking you don't want to feel isolated, you want to be a part of the interactions happening in your home. Think of the kitchen as more than another room, it's the home's heart where everyone gathers."

According to the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA), homeowners are also looking to open up areas in bathrooms by incorporating more lighting in mirrors, vanities and showers, as well as accent lighting for ambiance. Larger showers or bathing areas with integrated seating are trending with homeowners. These spa-like upgrades can meet future needs as more people consider aging in their home.

Smart home technology

Another trend is in the area of smart home technology. Smart lighting and appliances offer ease and convenience but may also offer homeowners savings in the form of lower utility bills due to the use of energy-efficient technology. And while smart tech is synonymous with clean design and large screens, the look doesn't always have to be futuristic. Many modern appliances incorporating digital technology still have a standard look and feel. Smart ovens that can be preheated from the touch of an app and give homeowners the ease of meal prep may easily integrate with a current kitchen design.

Sustainable materials

Today more homeowners are thinking about the impact their remodel or renovation can have to both the outer environment and the one within their home. Many are incorporating natural colors, designs and textures into their renovations by using more organic materials and paints that are practical and functional while sourcing them locally to reduce the carbon footprint created by transport.

Before trying to decide between granite or marble tile, however, consider the things that are behind the wall. Pipes and electrical wiring, for example, may need more attention and upgrading before other installations can begin.

"Make note of the items that need to be updated and that are relied upon on a daily basis before beginning any renovation," says Lee. "A safety precaution to take when upgrading these areas first is having any wiring or plumbing projects installed by a professional. Secure any necessary permits if required by your community or municipality. A permitted home renovation project may qualify you for a homeowners insurance discount."

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Be more water wise in 2023

Everyone agrees that water is an important resource, and with the ongoing megadrought paired with increasing costs of water in many cities across the country, water consumption is increasingly top of mind.

More people are questioning their daily water use and looking for strategic ways to save at home.

Considering only about 1% of the Earth's water is available for human use, it's important that everyone take steps to reduce their water use through smart home improvements. Here are three ways you can make a difference and save money:

Understand your water footprint

The first step is to understand how much water you're using. Start by paying attention to your water bill. How much water are you using and how does that compare to months and years past? Some utilities even provide insight into your use compared to your neighbors', which can be helpful in seeing if you're above or below average.

Additionally, consider insightful upgrades like the Kohler H2Wise systems that provide key insight into how much water your home uses every day. Plus, this smart system provides 24/7 monitoring that sends real-time alerts to your phone if it detects changes in water pressure that signal potential water leakage or other plumbing problems, so you save wasted water, not to mention, prevent potential home damage.

Each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. You can lower your water footprint by being aware of your water usage and making several strategic home improvements.

Look for labels

The average family spends more than $1,000 per year in water costs, but can save more than $380 annually from retrofitting with WaterSense labeled fixtures and ENERGY STAR certified appliances, according to the EPA. That means if you're making home improvements, it's important to look at the labels of products and choose wisely.

The EPA has recently recognized Kohler Co. with a 2022 WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award for its continual efforts to innovate water-efficient plumbing products, promote water conservation and aid in the protection of this natural resource. This award is the company's 8th Sustained Excellence recognition and its 13th year of recognition overall by the WaterSense program.

Make strategic upgrades

Many people are looking for ways to green their home with eco-friendly upgrades. Replacing old toilets and faucets with WaterSense options reduces water use and saves money, especially since these things are used on a daily basis. When it's time to replace washing machines and dishwashers, remember to keep water conservation in mind as well when selecting updated appliances.

Swapping out your showerhead is another option to help you gain control while saving money. Go a step further with the innovative Anthem digital control that has a sleek, minimalist display that lets you control your outlets, temperature and water flow.

The EPA states everyone can use at least 20% less water by installing water-efficient fixtures and appliances.

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Photo courtesy of Shodeen Homes

Shodeen Homes is ready for the spring market with new home construction inventory.

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seen," he says.

He attributes some of that success to Pulte's practice of building in desirable areas.

"We pride ourselves in locating in areas that are somewhat insulated (from market swings)," Stern says. "We focus on closer-in (to Chicago) locations that give us a better position from a customer perspective."

An advantage of building a new home over buying an existing one in 2023 or any year is getting everything new.

"There are always people who don't want the maintenance of an older home," Stern says.

Wirtz adds that buyers of existing houses are attracted to homes that have been updated.

"Houses that are completely updated and perfectly staged receive more offers," she says.

Wirtz says buyers are more interested in the cosmetic look of a house than they are its functional aspects such as the windows or the heating/air conditioning system.

Some of the decorative items that she expects to continue to appeal to buyers in 2023 are white kitchen cabinets and white quartz counters.

Priestley, on the other hand, says buyers are looking for "a home that is adaptable to their lifestyle. They prefer a work-life balance with a defined home office space, and a flexible floor plan, which makes for the ultimate entertaining and gathering destination."

Other desirable amenities including outdoor living spaces, in ground pools and a home gym, Connors and Priestley say.

Looking forward, Priestley says being prepared and getting good information is key to buying a home in 2023.

"Buyers must be armed with a strong buyers' broker who is hyper-local to the market," Priestley says. "They need to be loaded with a pre-approval in hand, or proof of funds and be educated in the market with live real-time data provided by their local broker."

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Jan. 19): Family fortunes blossom this year. Generate growing cash flow with reliable, disciplined routines. Your shifting heart rediscovers love this winter, inviting renovations and a sweet domestic springtime. Dance around summer social challenges, before your work earns acclaim next autumn.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Consider unusual professional projects. Let things unfold naturally. Some aspects aren't ready yet. Listen, observe and monitor developments. Discuss potential, opportunities and possibilities.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Travel beckons; monitor conditions carefully and go when safe. Investigate options. Consider unorthodox solutions to a problem.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Look to the future. Build savings despite a shared financial challenge. Discover unexpected income potential. Cut waste and conserve resources.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Reserve judgment or determinations. The opposition holds out. It could get tense. Maintain diplomacy and wait for developments. Prioritize partnership. When aligned, advance together.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Slow for the tricky sections. Watch for pitfalls. Physical barriers are temporary. Nurture your health and wellness. Don't rush into anything. Rest and consider.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Romantic dreams and realities don't match. Keep a sense of humor. Have fun with people you love. Count your blessings. Discover beauty, goodness and love.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Talk with family about the domestic improvements you'd like. You can see what doesn't work. Take advantage of a lucky opportunity to develop plans.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Let creative inspiration draw you in a completely different direction. A barrier can reveal hidden opportunities. Find an unusual solution to a puzzle.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Lucrative opportunities abound. Maintain momentum with existing responsibilities while nurturing new seedlings. Assess conditions and address what's missing for thriving. Consider the big picture.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Consider long-term ambitions. Discuss personal dreams, plans and strategies with trusted friends and advisors. What do you want now? Advance causes near your heart.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Take a pause to reflect and consider. Outside changes could impact your situation. Review plans and adapt as needed. Rest, recharge and prepare.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Friends bring the spice. Share something delicious with people you love and respect. Support each other with challenges. Cheer the triumphs.

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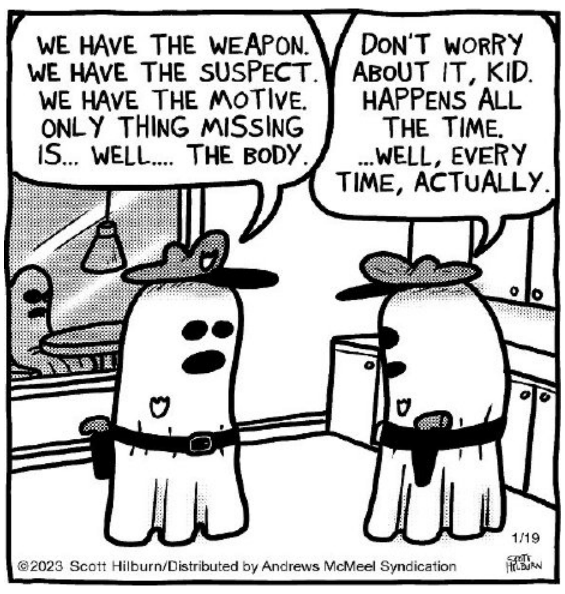
The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn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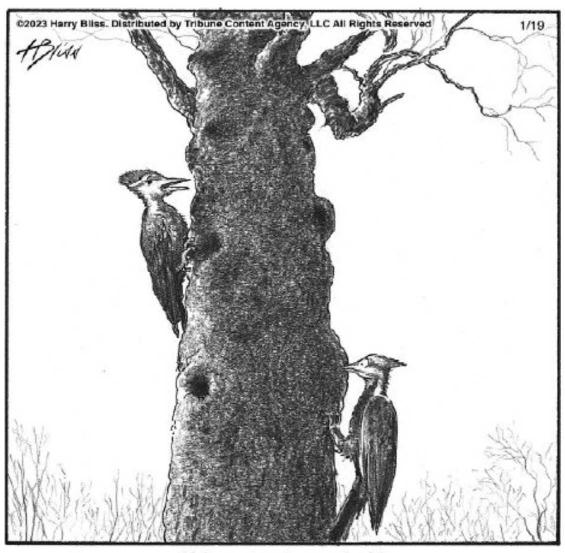
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"You stuck again?"

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, West deals

North
♠ A 10
♥ A K Q J 6
♦ A K Q J 7
♣ A

West
♠ Q J 8 7 5
♥ 10 7
♦ 9
♣ K 10 7 6 3

East
♠ K 9 6
♥ 9 8 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ J 5 4 2

South
♠ 4 3 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8

East-West had a very unusual agreement. They used an opening bid of two diamonds to show a weak two-suited hand with one major suit and one minor suit. This is similar to a Michael's Cue Bid after an opponent opens one of a major. North could not have been pleased to pick up the hand of a lifetime and hear an opponent open the bidding. What could he do? He started with a double.

East redoubled, which conventionally asked West to bid his major. West did so and the bidding came back to North. What now? Three hearts would not be forcing and four hearts would be an underbid. North cue bid three spades just to make a forcing bid. Poor South was now forced to find a bid with his miserable hand. South had no choice but to bid his emaciated four-card diamond suit and was promptly raised to a grand slam! We imagine he was anxious to see the dummy, not to mention the need to change his shorts.

He caught a decent dummy. He won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and drew the trumps in three rounds. He cashed five heart tricks in dummy, discarding the remaining two spades from his hand. He ruffed dummy's last spade and claimed. Whew!

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
2♦*	Dbl	Redbl**	Pass
2♠	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	7♦	All pass	

***One major and one minor, at least 5-5**

****Bid your major**

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

— Bob Jones
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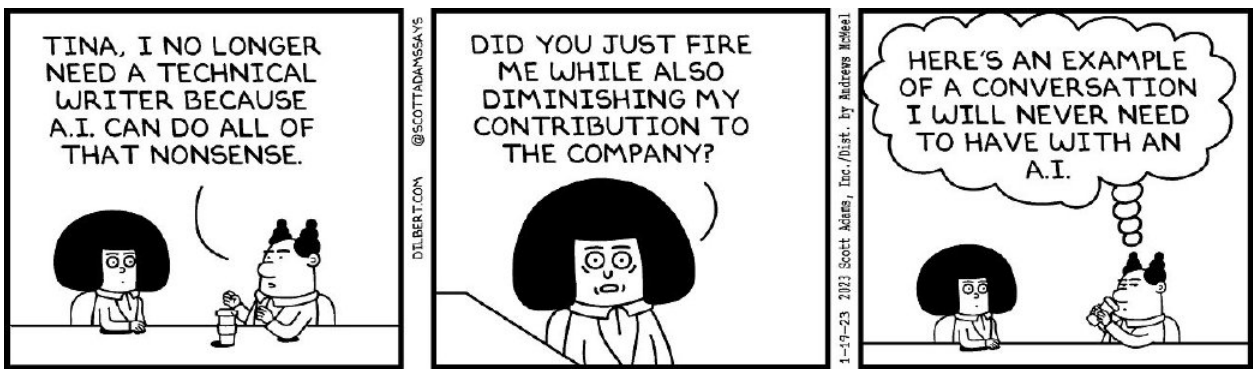
Dilbert By Scott Adams


TINA, I NO LONGER NEED A TECHNICAL WRITER BECAUSE A.I. CAN DO ALL OF THAT NONSENSE.
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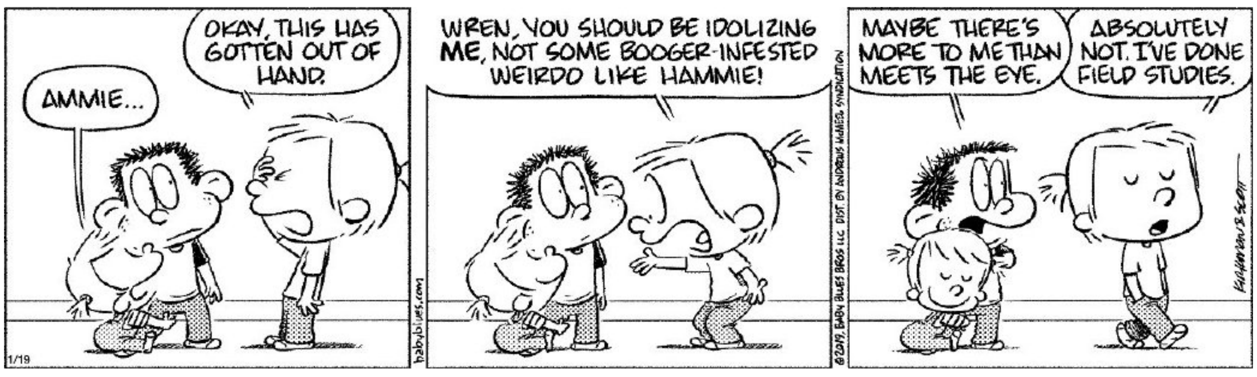
HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF A CONVERSATION I WILL NEVER NEED TO HAVE WITH AN A.I.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until January 30. Please enjoy this strip from 2019.)


AMMIE...
OKAY, THIS HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND.
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WREN, YOU SHOULD BE IDOLIZING ME, NOT SOME BOOGER-INFESTED WEIRDO LIKE HAMMIE!
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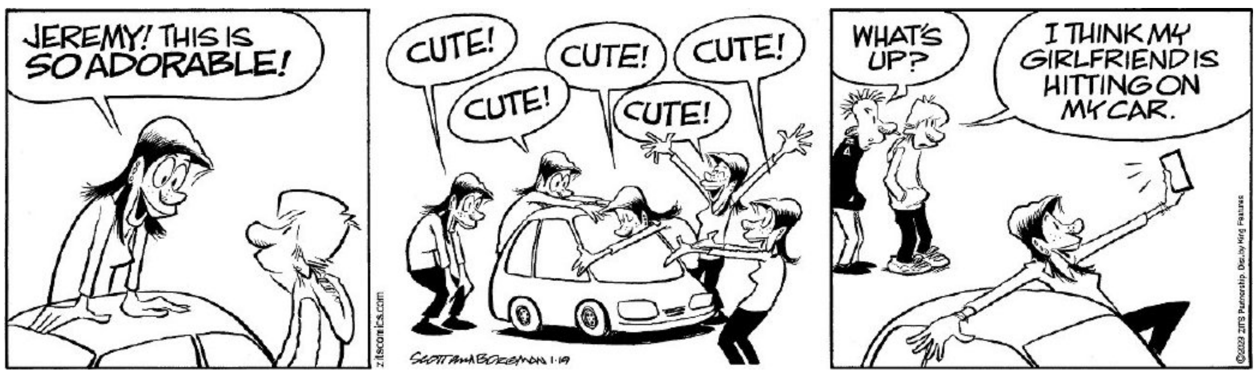
MAYBE THERE'S MORE TO ME THAN MEETS THE EYE.
ABSOLUTELY NOT. I'VE DONE FIELD STUDIES.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman


JEREMY! THIS IS SO ADORABLE!
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CUTE!
CUTE!
CUTE!
CUTE!
CUTE!
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 1-19
WHAT'S UP?
I THINK MY GIRLFRIEND IS HITTING ON MY CAR.
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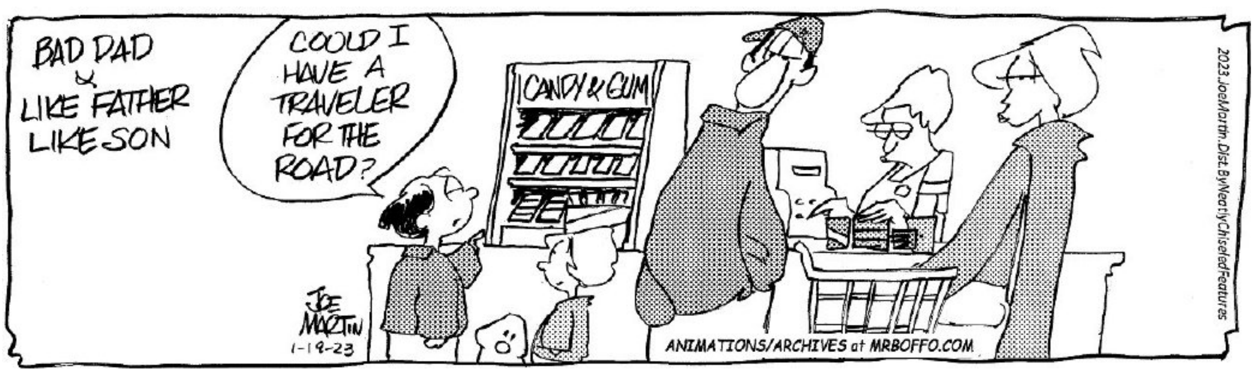
Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin


BAD DAD & LIKE FATHER LIKE SON
COULD I HAVE A TRAVELER FOR THE ROAD?
CANDY & GUM
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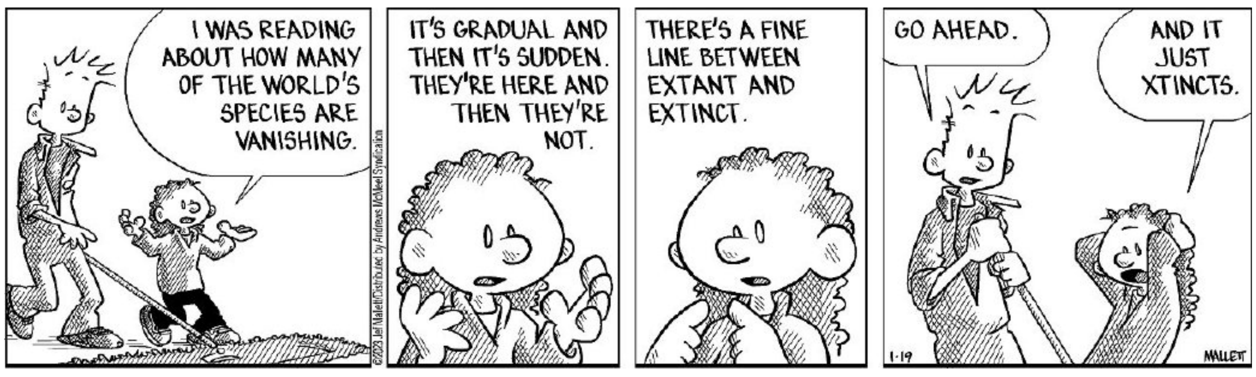
I WAS READING ABOUT HOW MANY OF THE WORLD'S SPECIES ARE VANISHING.
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IT'S GRADUAL AND THEN IT'S SUDDEN. THEY'RE HERE AND THEN THEY'RE NOT.
THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN EXTANT AND EXTINCT.
GO AHEAD.
AND IT JUST XTINCTS.
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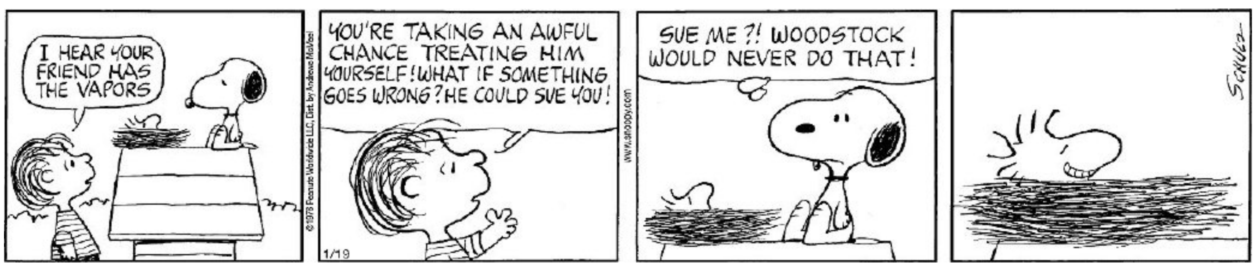
MALLETT

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz


I HEAR YOUR FRIEND HAS THE VAPORS
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YOU'RE TAKING AN AWFUL CHANCE TREATING HIM YOURSELF! WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG? HE COULD SUE YOU!
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SUE ME ?! WOODSTOCK WOULD NEVER DO THAT!
SCHULZ

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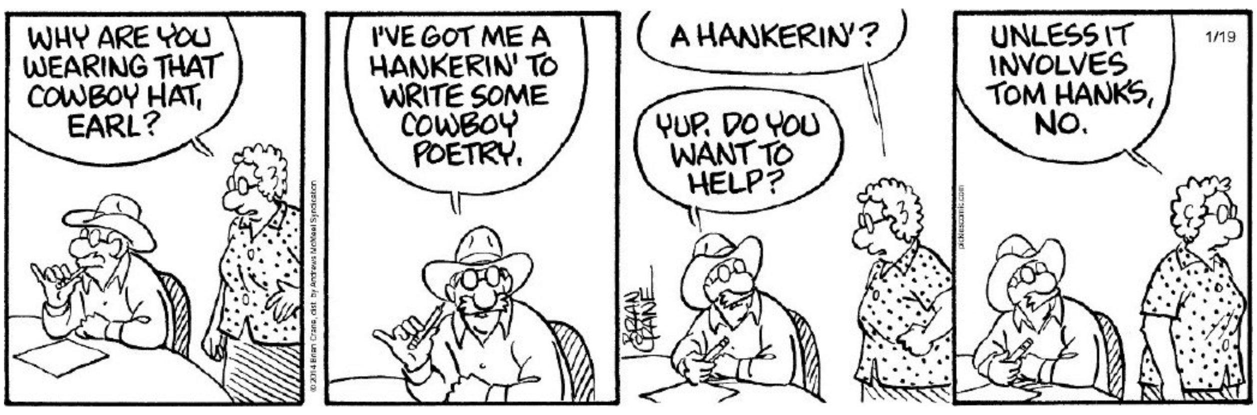
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT COWBOY HAT, EARL?
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I'VE GOT ME A HANKERIN' TO WRITE SOME COWBOY POETRY.
A HANKERIN'?
YUP. DO YOU WANT TO HELP?
BRIAN CRANE
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UNLESS IT INVOLVES TOM HANKS, NO.
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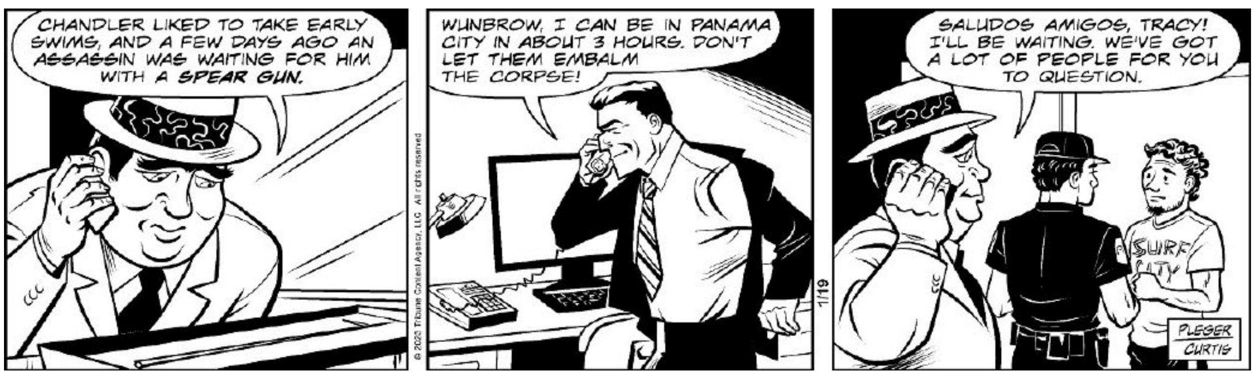
Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis


CHANDLER LIKED TO TAKE EARLY SWIMS, AND A FEW DAYS AGO AN ASSASSIN WAS WAITING FOR HIM WITH A SPEAR GUN.
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WUNBROW, I CAN BE IN PANAMA CITY IN ABOUT 3 HOURS. DON'T LET THEM EMBALM THE CORPSE!
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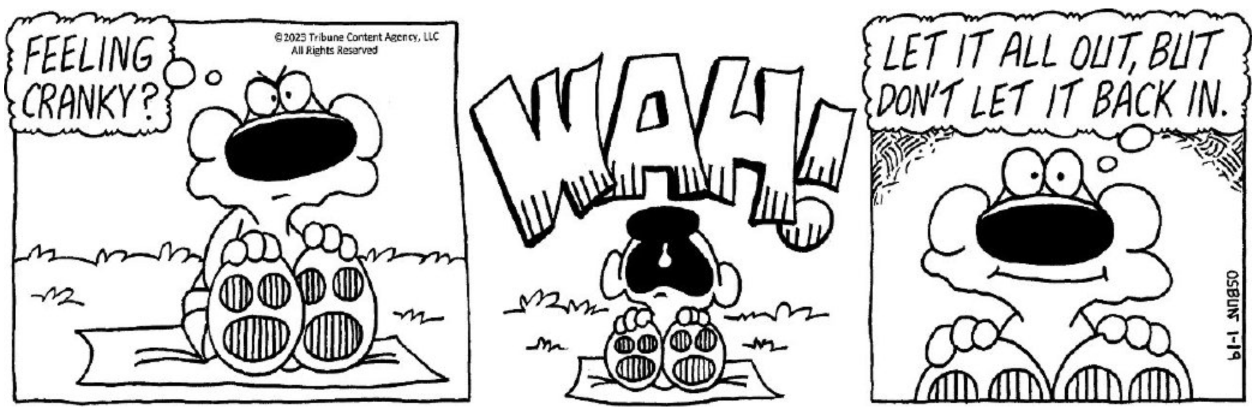
SALUDOS AMIGOS, TRACY! I'LL BE WAITING. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE FOR YOU TO QUESTION.
SURF CITY
PLEGER CURTIS

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


FEELING CRANKY?
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WAH!
LET IT ALL OUT, BUT DON'T LET IT BACK IN.
OSBUN 1-19

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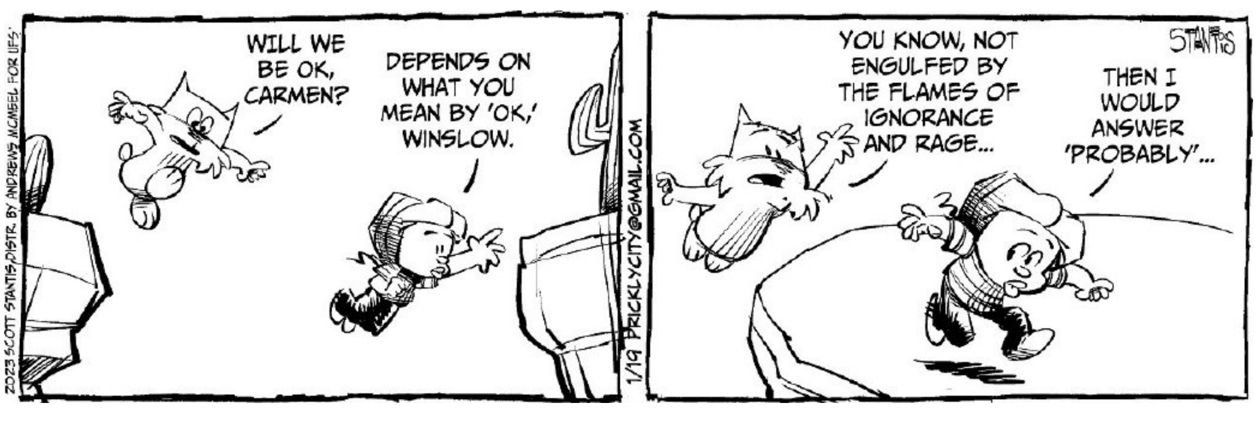
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WILL WE BE OK, CARMEN?
DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU MEAN BY 'OK,' WINSLOW.
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YOU KNOW, NOT ENGULFED BY THE FLAMES OF IGNORANCE AND RAGE...
THEN I WOULD ANSWER 'PROBABLY'...
STANTIS

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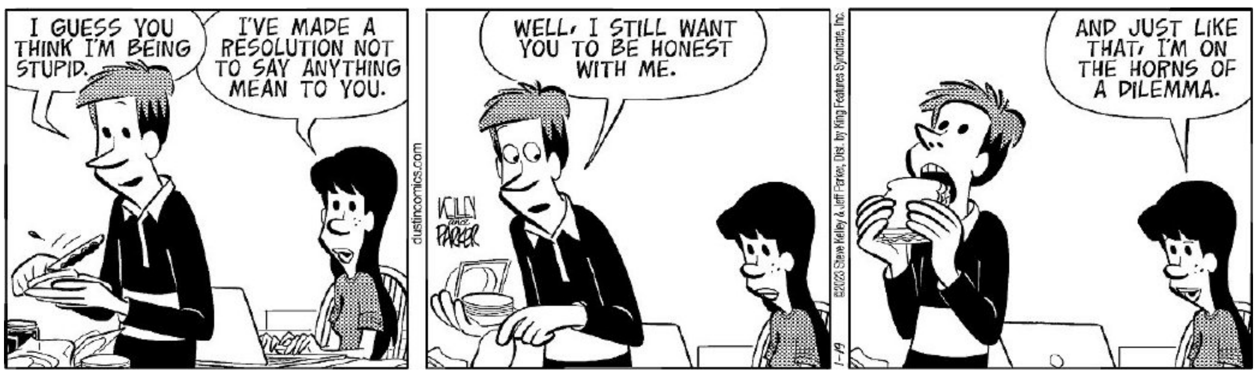
I GUESS YOU THINK I'M BEING STUPID.
I'VE MADE A RESOLUTION NOT TO SAY ANYTHING MEAN TO YOU.
WELL, I STILL WANT YOU TO BE HONEST WITH ME.
AND JUST LIKE THAT, I'M ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA.
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KELLEY and PARKER
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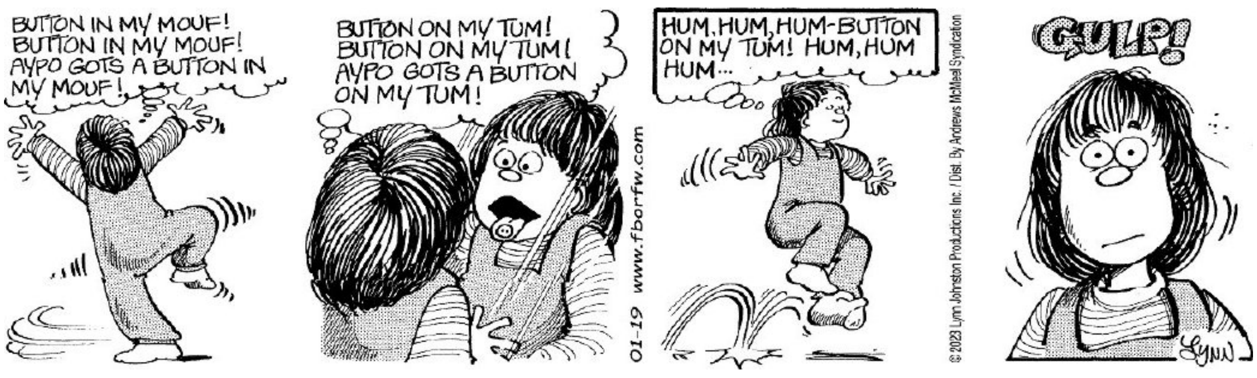
BUTTON IN MY MOUF! BUTTON IN MY MOUF! AYPO GOTS A BUTTON IN MY MOUF!
BUTTON ON MY TUM! BUTTON ON MY TUM! AYPO GOTS A BUTTON ON MY TUM!
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HUM, HUM, HUM-BUTTON ON MY TUM! HUM, HUM HUM...
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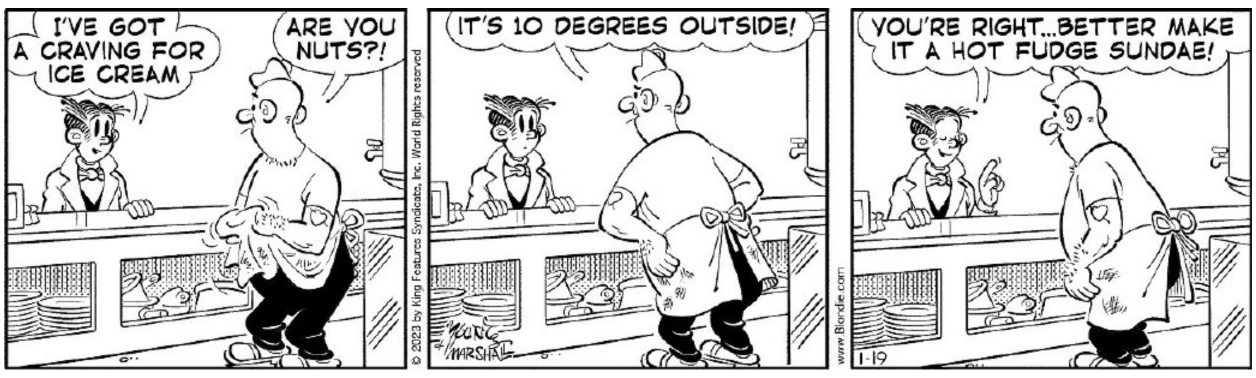
I'VE GOT A CRAVING FOR ICE CREAM
ARE YOU NUTS?!
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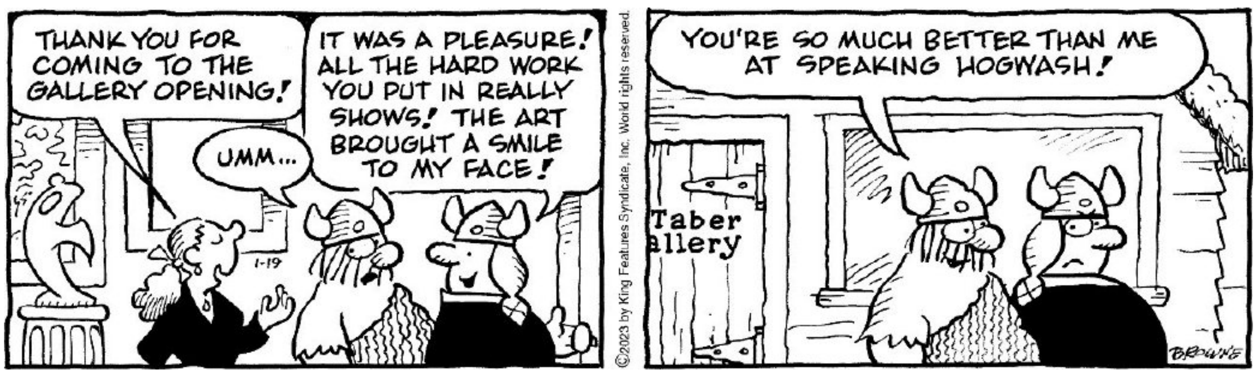
YOU'RE RIGHT...BETTER MAKE IT A HOT FUDGE SUNDAE!

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne


THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE GALLERY OPENING!
UMM...
IT WAS A PLEASURE! ALL THE HARD WORK YOU PUT IN REALLY SHOWS! THE ART BROUGHT A SMILE TO MY FACE!
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YOU'RE SO MUCH BETTER THAN ME AT SPEAKING HOGWASH!
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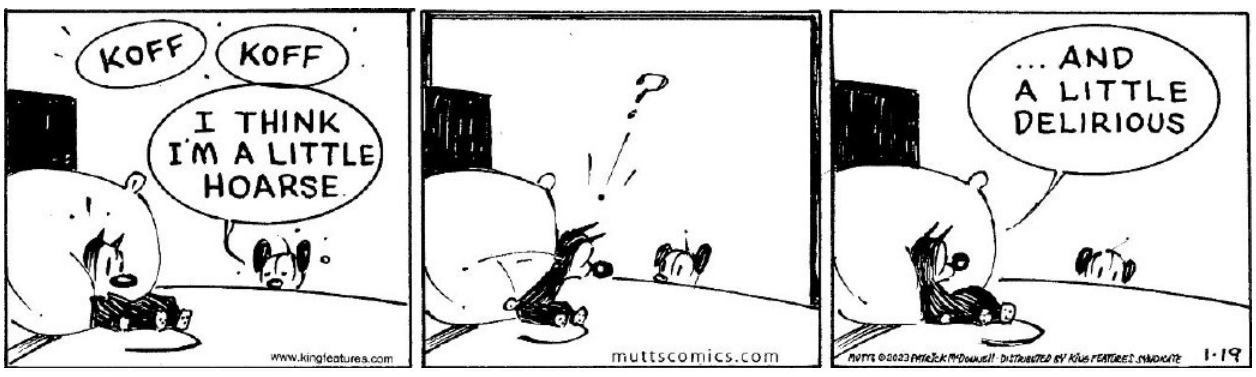
BROWNE

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell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... AND A LITTLE DELIRIOUS
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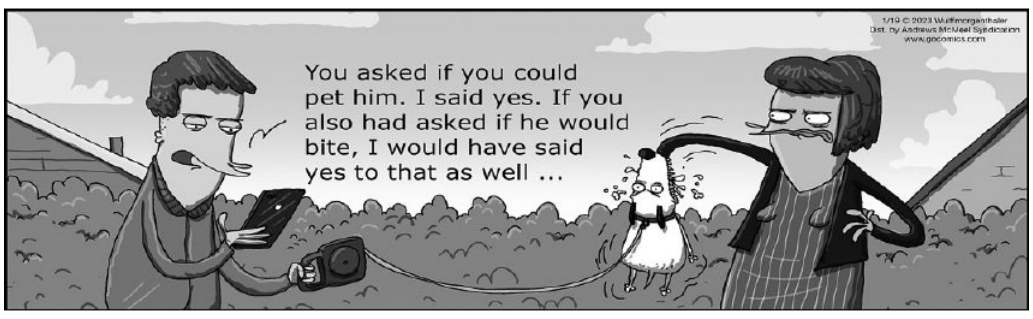
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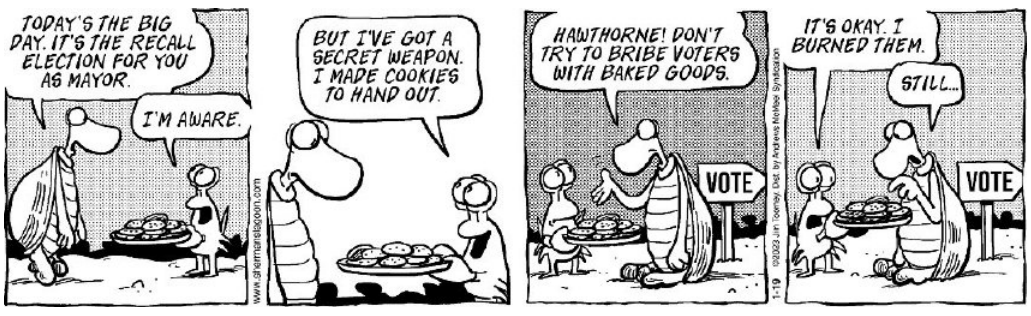
You asked if you could pet him. I said yes. If you also had asked if he would bite, I would have said yes to that as well ...

Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


TODAY'S THE BIG DAY. IT'S THE RECALL ELECTION FOR YOU AS MAYOR.
I'M AWARE.
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BUT I'VE GOT A SECRET WEAPON. I MADE COOKIES TO HAND OUT.
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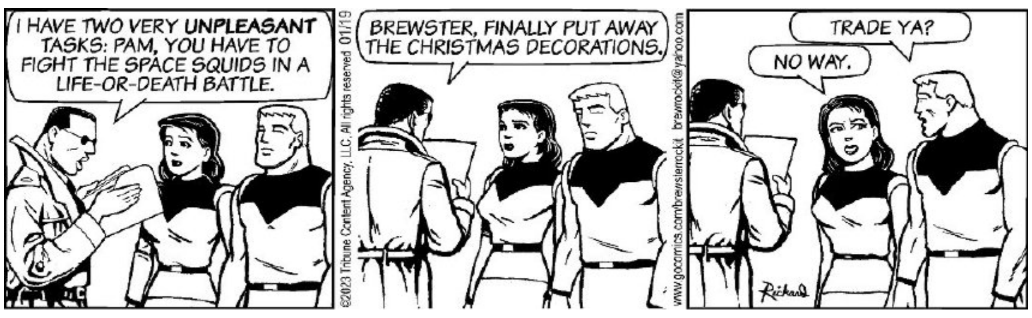
HAWTHORNE! DON'T TRY TO BRIBE VOTERS WITH BAKED GOODS.
VOTE
IT'S OKAY. I BURNED THEM.
STILL...
VOTE

Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


I HAVE TWO VERY UNPLEASANT TASKS: PAM, YOU HAVE TO FIGHT THE SPACE SQUIDS IN A LIFE-OR-DEATH BATTLE.
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TRADE YA?
NO WAY.
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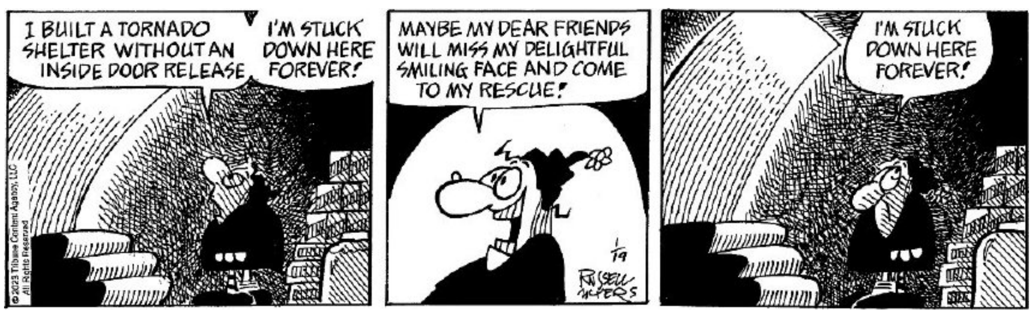
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


I BUILT A TORNADO SHELTER WITHOUT AN INSIDE DOOR RELEASE
I'M STUCK DOWN HERE FOREVER!
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MAYBE MY DEAR FRIENDS WILL MISS MY DELIGHTFUL SMILING FACE AND COME TO MY RESCUE!
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RUSSELL MYERS
I'M STUCK DOWN HERE FOREVER!

Trivia Bits

"Under a Blood Red Sky" is a 1983 live album from which band?

A) Guns N' Roses
B) The Police
C) Scorpions
D) U2

Wednesday's answer: The albatross figures prominently in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

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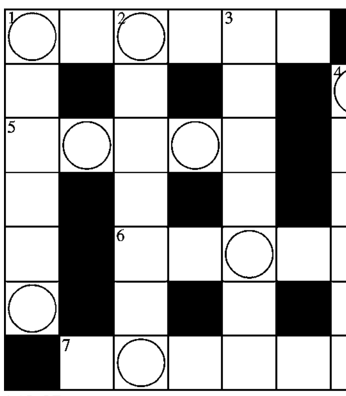
Jumble Crossword



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CLUE	ACROSS ANSWER
1. ____ trails	GKINIH
5. Large house	NRAOM
6. Continous noise	NDOER
7. Entertained	EADMSU

CLUE	DOWN ANSWER
1. Unattractive	HLOMYE
2. Plant ____	DNKMOIG
3. Anxious	NRUEOSV
4. Concurred	EAGDER

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This Japanese city's name means "horizontal beach."

BONUS ○○○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Hiking 5A-Manor 6A-Drone 7A-Amused 1D-Homely 2D-Kingdom 3D-Nervous 4D-Agreed B-Yokohama

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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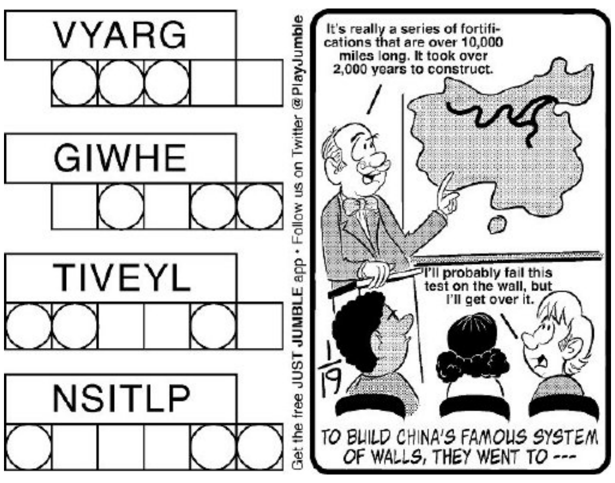
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It's really a series of fortifications that are over 10,000 miles long. It took over 2,000 years to construct.
I'll probably fail this test on the wall, but I'll get over it.
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TO BUILD CHINA'S FAMOUS SYSTEM OF WALLS, THEY WENT TO ---

Answer here

○○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○

Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: OFTEN KAZOO SHRANK OBLONG
Answer: The cruise ship had set sail, and to view the Mediterranean, they — TOOK A "LOOK-SEA"

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Crossword

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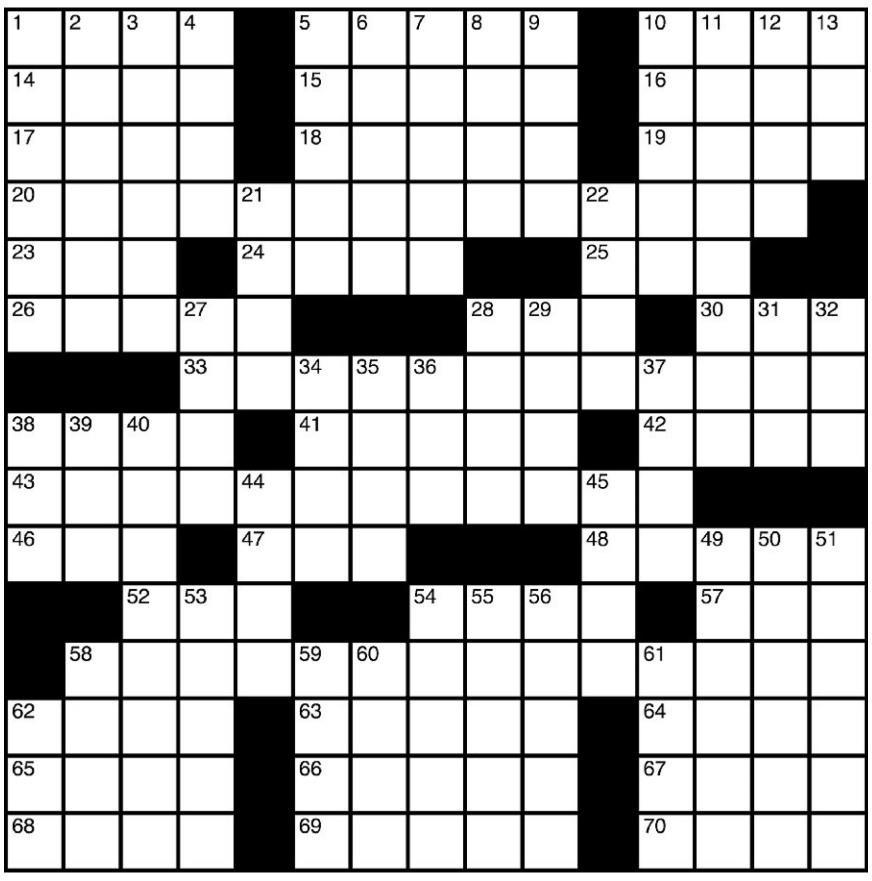
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Across

1 Sven's transport in "Frozen"
5 35-Down company founded in Milwaukee in 1844
10 Ziploc feature
14 Exercise target
15 "Love Me Like You Do" Grammy nominee Goulding
16 Cut
17 Missing
18 Spa amenity
19 Doesn't just assume
20 C's
23 Start to mature?
24 Eyeglass frames
25 Gift with an aloha
26 Matter of debate
28 VIP with a corner office, perhaps
30 Dec. 31
33 Seas
38 Antlered deer
41 Retro photo hue
42 Burial isle of many Scottish kings
43 Sees
46 Skin art, for short
47 Unit of corn
48 Titan with a heavy load
52 "Hellboy" actor Perlman
54 Comfort Revolution bra-maker
57 Tolkien terror
58 Seize
62 Clicking devices
63 Poet Dove and actress Moreno
64 "Less" Pulitzer winner Andrew __ Greer
65 "It's for you," on an env.
66 "Wrong!"
67 "Smooth Operator" singer
68 Crime novelist Gerritsen
69 Alloy containing carbon
70 Brewpub brews

Down

1 Shrimp dish
2 Reduces
3 Reduces slowly
4 Supermarket section
5 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner
6 Heist obstacle
7 St. Louis team
8 Compete on "The Voice"
9 Rip
10 Digging tool
11 Gradually become familiar with
12 Slow-moving boats
13 Paul in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
21 Former pitcher Hershiser
22 Body wash ingredient
27 Some slouchy boots
28 Ad writer's award
29 Actor Morales
31 Desire
32 Schedule abbr.
34 Hazmat monitor
35 Heady stuff?
36 Smartphone download
37 The Panthers of the ACC
38 Lt.'s underling
39 Bagged leaves?
40 Has some pull?
44 Collapsible shelter
45 Gullible sort
49 World's largest cosmetics company
50 Game keeper?
51 Movie parts
53 Makes the first bet
54 Actress Davis played by Susan Sarandon in TV's "Feud"
55 Humiliate
56 Disinfectant brand
58 Quote
59 Large garden planters
60 Barrel of laughs
61 Mount of Greek legend
62 Little rug

Wednesday's solution

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Level: 1 2 **3** 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

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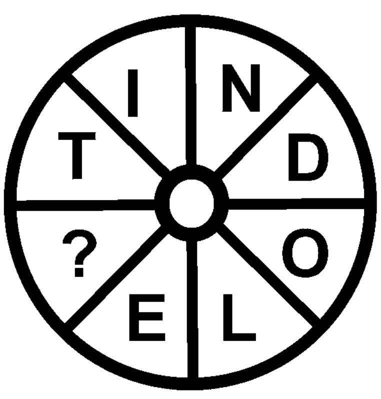

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Wordsearch: European countries

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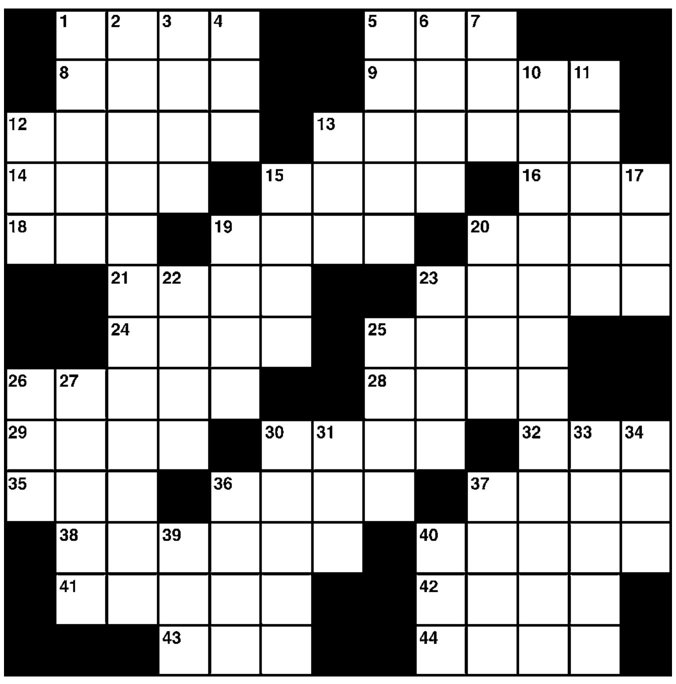

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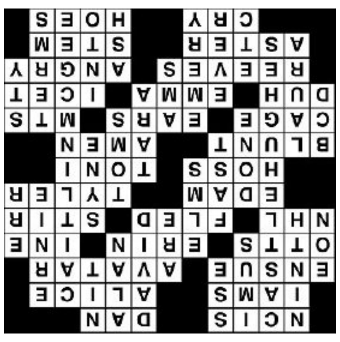

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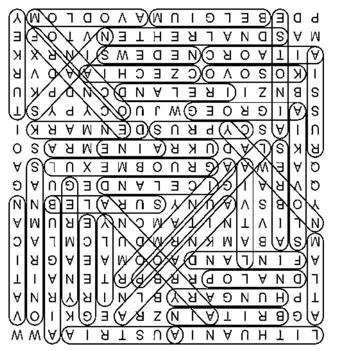

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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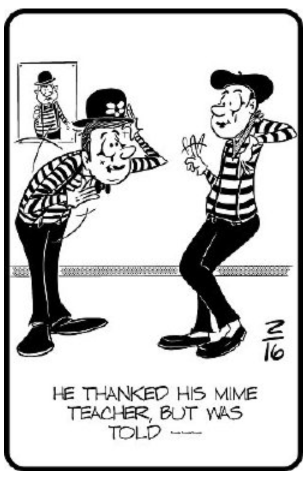
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HE THANKED HIS MIME TEACHER, BUT WAS TOLD —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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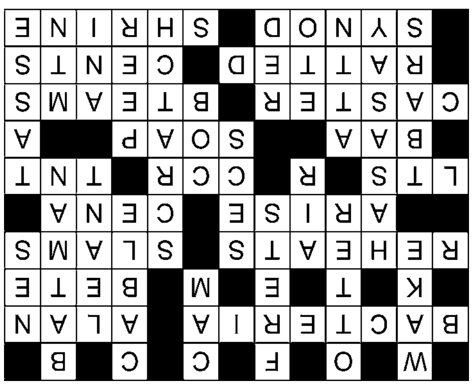
Answer: He thanked his mime teacher, but was told — DON'T MENTION IT



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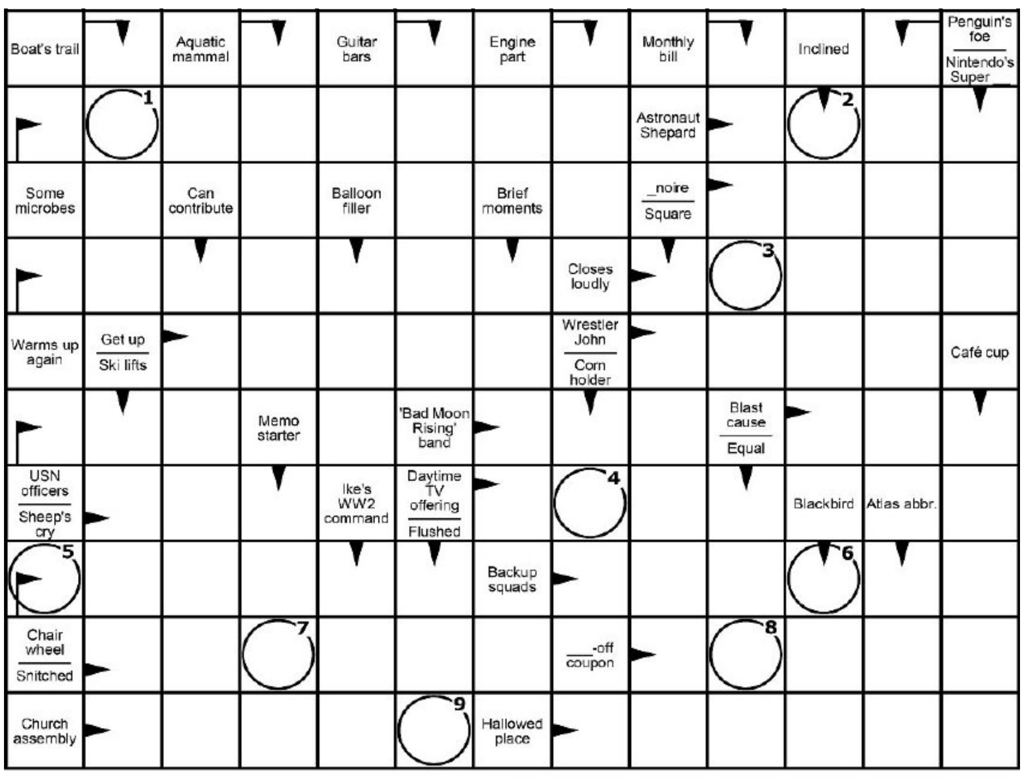
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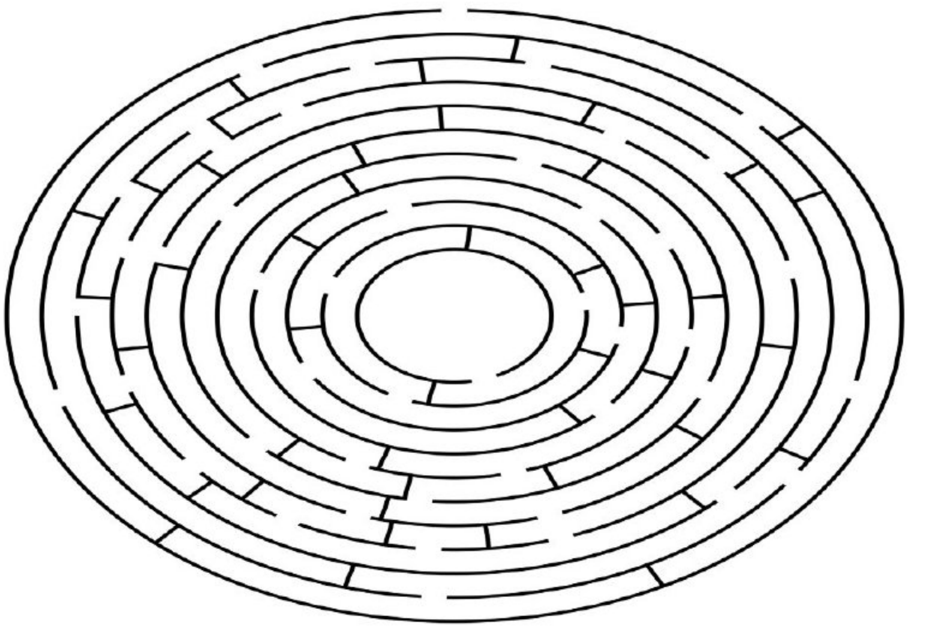

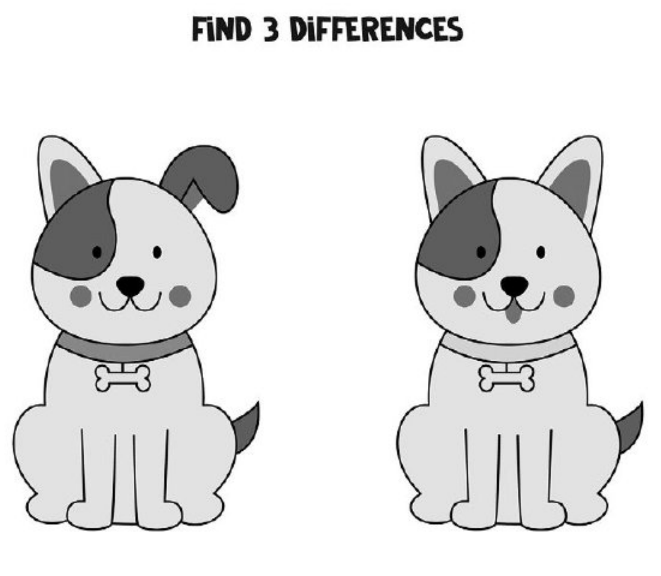
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Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO SPORTS

Chicago's best sports section, as judged by the Associated Press Sports Editors

The Bulls' Zach LaVine walks to answer reporters after a training session Wednesday on the eve of a game against the Detroit Pistons in Levallois-Perret, outside Paris. **CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP**

BULLS

Wintertime in Paris

Players take in the sights before focus turns to Pistons

By Julia Poe
Chicago Tribune

Everywhere the Bulls go in Paris, excitement follows.

"I can't understand what they're talking about, but there seems to be huddles and crowds of people," coach Billy Donovan told the Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Bulls have been checking off every tourist's list of landmarks during their first three days in Paris — a trip to the Eiffel Tower, plenty of wine and even a peek into Fashion Week.

The team also participated in a basketball clinic for girls Wednesday in the Paris area.

"These kids don't have a chance to see us as much in person, so it's great for them and great for us," center Nikola Vučević said. "It means a lot to them and we try to give back as much as we can, spend the time when we can."

But by Wednesday the team's focus had shifted back to basketball.

With a 20-24 record, the Bulls have plenty on the line when they face the Detroit Pistons on Thursday at Accor Arena. In the midst of a competitive Eastern Conference full of jockeying for the last spot above the playoff line, every game counts for the Bulls — even if it's taking place half a world away.

UP NEXT

Bulls vs. Pistons
Accor Arena, Paris
2 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

Pistons' Duren loses his passport en route to Paris: The Pistons almost went down a man in Paris after 19-year-old center Jalen Duren misplaced his passport before the team took off from Detroit.

Duren was not with the Pistons when they arrived Monday as he wasn't allowed on the team's charter flight. The Athletic reported the Pistons were working to get Duren on a new flight Tuesday. He finally arrived and rejoined the team Wednesday, just in time for Thursday's game.

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BLACKHAWKS

Richardson not afraid to admit to mistakes

Showing to players he holds himself accountable too

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

It was a shift that didn't factor in the final outcome — in a game the Chicago Blackhawks won — but coach Luke Richardson fixated on a "mistake" he made in the lineup.

In the final 27 seconds of regulation against the Calgary Flames on Jan. 8, with the score tied 3-3 and the Hawks in their defensive zone, Richardson sent out Jonathan Toews with Max Domi and Philipp Kurashev and kept Tyler Johnson, one of Toews' linemates, on the bench.

"He had a really good block earlier in this game," Richardson said. "At the end of the game, Tazer was out there to take that faceoff on the left side — but he was about 50% (on faceoffs) going into the third period and Max was probably closer to 75% — so I thought it was best to put two left(-handed) centers out there for that. And then Kurashev was there, so Tyler didn't go.

"And then after the game, I'm like: 'I made a mistake. Tyler should've been there.' … I probably should've pulled Kurashev off. So I told Tyler: 'I made a mistake there. You deserved to be out there. You should've been out there. So expect to be out there next time.'

"Things like that, sometimes I miss, but I'll always circle back and try to get to."

It seems like an innocuous detail from a game the Hawks ultimately

Turn to Blackhawks, *Page 3*

Luke Richardson says he's getting better at communication with Hawks players. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

UP NEXT

Blackhawks at Flyers 6 p.m.
Thurs., NBCSCH

BEARS

Warren, Fields now on same page with Bears

New president, franchise QB were once divided in Big Ten during pandemic

By Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

Kevin Warren never really saw Justin Fields as an adversary. He viewed him as a leader.

In the summer of 2020, with major decisions to be made about Big Ten athletics in the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic, Warren understood where Fields was coming from with his public push to play. Warren admired Fields' purpose even when the two didn't agree on the proper direction.

As the conference commissioner, Warren had the responsibility of steering Big Ten athletics safely through uncertain times with the health and well-being of student-athletes his top concern. Fields, then a rising junior quarterback at Ohio State, was like so many athletes who badly wanted to play.

Thus when Warren decided in August 2020 to postpone the Big Ten football season indefinitely, it was Fields who subsequently started a petition urging the conference to start its season on time with certain health and safety measures in place. That petition garnered more than 230,000 signatures on the first weekend.

"If I had been in the Big Ten (as an athlete) at that time, I would have done the same thing," Warren said Tuesday at Halas Hall as he was introduced as the new Chicago Bears president. "What that told me about Justin is he's passionate. My whole goal was trying to keep

Turn to Bears, *Page 2*

Team	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
BULLS	DET (in Paris) 2 p.m. | NBCSCH				ATL 7 p.m. | NBCSCH
BLACKHAWKS	@PHI 6 p.m. | NBCSCH		@STL 7 p.m. | NBCSCH	LA 6 p.m. | NBCSCH	

TOP OF THE SECOND

Bears offensive coordinator Luke Getsy looks on in the fourth quarter against the Lions on Jan. 1 at Ford Field. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BEARS

OC to head Senior Bowl

Getsy and 3 other Bears assistants headed to Alabama in February

By Brad Biggs
Chicago Tribune

Bears offensive coordinator Luke Getsy was named the head coach of the American team for the Senior Bowl.

Getsy is one of four assistants on Matt Eberflus' staff who will be in Mobile, Ala., for the Feb. 4 game at the University of South Alabama.

Joining Getsy will be linebackers coach Dave Borgonzi, assistant special teams coach Carlos Polk and assistant tight ends coach Tim Zetts. Getsy interviewed for the Denver Broncos head-coaching position last year.

The Bears — who have the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft — passed on having Eberflus and his entire staff coach in the East-West Shrine Bowl on Feb. 2 in Las Vegas. The Bears are conducting free-agent meetings and coaches will have time off this month, and that planning should not be interrupted with part of the staff spending a week at the Senior Bowl.

Former Bears running backs coach Charles London, now the quarterbacks coach for the Atlanta Falcons, will be the offensive coordinator on Getsy's staff.

"I am extremely honored to be selected as the head coach for the American Team in the 74th Senior Bowl," Getsy said in a statement. "It is a privilege to be able to work alongside my peers from around the league and to be able to lead this special group of men that are the future of the NFL."

The Senior Bowl typically has produced stronger rosters than the East-West game. Last year, 106 players who participated in the Senior Bowl were drafted — six in the first round and 45 in the first three rounds.

The East-West put together a better game last year as 45 players were drafted — a 55% increase from the 2021 game. New England Patriots wide receiver Tyquan Thornton was a second-round pick, the highest selection of an East-West player since the Patriots chose quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo in the second round in 2012.

The Senior Bowl will have more talent to evaluate for the first two days of the draft (Rounds 1-3). Having Getsy involved in Mobile will provide the Bears with even more insight.

Bears

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players safe. But I appreciated him being able to take that leadership role."

Eventually, in September 2020, Big Ten presidents and chancellors voted to allow the conference to play with Warren's approval, and a condensed football season took place. Fields and the Buckeyes had three regular-season games canceled because of COVID but won all five of their conference games, beat Northwestern for the Big Ten championship and went on to face Alabama in the title game of the College Football Playoff, losing 52-24.

Three months later, the Bears drafted Fields with the No. 11 pick.

Now Warren and Fields will share a workplace in Lake Forest as well as a collective goal to carry the Bears to a Super Bowl. Their union is official. And Warren emphasized Tuesday there is no animosity whatsoever lingering from 2020.

"I have a strong personal relationship with him," Warren said. "He's talented. He's a leader. I loved his passion. I would have been the same way."

Warren said he wishes he had handled the postponement differently, mostly in the way he communicated with players and their parents.

"Just sit down and talk about it," he said. "I'm going to tell you why I feel the way I do. I'm going to bring in our medical staff and doctors to communicate. I wish I would have done that.

"I'm a fast learner with things like that. And I learned after that. My wife was like, 'Why are you communicating on medical issues when you're not a doctor?' And I said, 'Well, we don't have one.' She says, 'Go and hire a chief medical officer.' "

In October 2021, the Big Ten hired Dr. James Borchers, the head team physician at Ohio State, as the conference's chief medical officer and tasked him with consulting all schools on health and safety, sports medicine and conference initiatives among other things.

"Some things are pretty simple," Warren said.

Warren also spoke Tuesday of his exit from the college sports landscape for this new challenge back in the NFL. He is departing the Big Ten commissioner post after a little more than three years.

Warren retains great pride in what he accomplished in his time overseeing the Big Ten, most notably spearheading a record-breaking $8 million media rights deal while also pushing to bring USC and UCLA into the conference. Those schools will officially join the Big Ten in 2024.

Warren harked back to wisdom his father often imparted to him and his siblings, urging them to leave every career situation they walked into demonstrably better than it was when they arrived.

"That was always on my mind," Warren said. "My dad always talked about that. When I would call him about different opportunities and jobs, he would say, 'From the day you walked in the door until now, is it better?' I'd say yes. He'd say, 'Is it demonstrably better?' Yes. He goes, 'OK, then you can go on to the next job.' "

Warren said he followed that guidance while pursuing the Bears president job. He emphasized the work he helped the Big Ten do in navigating the pandemic, leading social justice initiatives and aiding mental health efforts for athletes. The media rights deal and addition of USC and UCLA only added to his feelings that he had accomplished a lot for the conference.

"I just felt this was the right time," Warren said. "I had done what I was called there to be able to do. And I think that's (something) different about me. I go by a calling. This is bigger than sports to me. This is really about life. This is where God wants me to be."

ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

If the Bears trade to No. 2, what do you expect the package they would get in return would be? — @cladovanjeff

There will be no shortage of questions regarding the infinite possibilities Ryan Poles potentially will have with the No. 1 pick in the draft until he uses the selection or auctions it off. If the Bears were to move down one spot with the Houston Texans, who are in need of a quarterback, it would result in the smallest of all potential returns. I'm skeptical the Bears would get two first-round picks in this situation — it simply would be too high of a price for the Texans to pay unless they are positively head over heels for one of the prospects and suspect/fear another team is lurking to trade for the pick.

A lot of unknowns remain with the class of quarterbacks, led by Will Levis, C.J. Stroud and Bryce Young (listed alphabetically). As NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah noted, it is difficult to put them in a pecking order right now, and all three are "flawed." If there were a clear No. 1 — a guy who already stood out in the process — the pick would have more value. In that scenario, if the prospect was viewed to be a generational talent, perhaps even the Bears would be considering taking the player.

Draft pick trade charts have been around forever — Jimmy Johnson is credited for creating one when he was with the Dallas Cowboys. That chart has circulated for the longest time. NFL teams have adjusted it, and every team has its own model of what value should be assigned to each pick.

Every draft chart you uncover is going to be different. Overthecap.com has one that suggests the Texans would be overpaying if they gave the Bears the No. 2 pick and their third-round selection for No. 1. Could the Texans be driven to pay more? Anything is possible when the stakes involve a quarterback. This is just one chart.

Another chart Rich Hill devised at Pats Pulpit suggests the Bears could get more in a move down just one spot. According to this model, the Texans would be just a little light if they offered the No. 2 pick along with their second- and third-round picks.

The Texans own two first-round picks — Nos. 2 and 12 — and it is inconceivable to me they would offer both firsts to move up to No. 1. Maybe the Texans, after they finish their scouting, are happy with two of the QB prospects. In that scenario, they could wait to select one no matter what happens at No. 1. Moving to No. 2 would be advantageous for the Bears as it likely would ensure them the top non-quarterback on the board and give them more draft capital.

Do you view the 2023 quarterback class as relatively weak and thus lower trade value of the No. 1 pick? — @cj_chi6142

I don't know if I would call it weak, but it certainly lacks a definitive No. 1 choice right now. Alabama's Bryce Young has been electric, but as I detailed in 10 Thoughts after the season finale, a team is going to take a leap of faith on him being physically able to withstand the rigors of professional football.

The Crimson Tide list Young at 194 pounds; NFL scouts I have spoken with throughout the year believe he is closer to 185. We'll see at the end of February when the NFL scouting combine rolls around. According to Pro Football Reference, three quarterbacks drafted in the first round since 2000 have weighed 210 pounds or less.

- Kyler Murray, Arizona Cardinals: No. 1 pick, 2019, 5-10, 207 pounds
- Johnny Manziel, Cleveland Browns: No. 22 pick, 2014, 6-0, 207
- Michael Vick, Atlanta Falcons: No. 1 pick, 2001, 6-0, 210

The gap between 207 and 194 is big and even larger if Young is closer to his estimated weight of 185.

Kentucky's Will Levis has drawn comparisons to Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen, who went seventh in 2018. Ohio State's C.J. Stroud is coming off an excellent season and was top-notch against Georgia in the CFP semifinal.

I am sure quarterback-needy teams will have them stacked differently two months from now. One key thing when considering the potential trade of the pick is how far apart teams in need grade the quarterbacks. If grades are similar, it could reduce the urge to pay (overpay?) for a trade up to No. 1.

Blackhawks defenseman Seth Jones scores the game winning goal past Sabres goaltender Craig Anderson as Casey Mittelstadt also defends during overtime on Tuesday night. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP PHOTOS**

BLACKHAWKS 4, SABRES 3 OT (LATE TUESDAY)

A flashy finish

Defenseman has 1st 2-goal game with Hawks, including OT winner

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

Seth Jones never had scored two goals in a game in 1½ seasons with the Blackhawks. He made the first time count Tuesday.

Jones took advantage of Tyler Johnson's screen to tie the score at 3-3 with 56 seconds in regulation, then tapped in Johnson's centering pass to lift the Hawks to a 4-3 overtime win over the Sabres at the United Center.

"It doesn't go in without him there," Jones said of the tying goal. "When there's a guy in front taking the goalie's eyes away, you try to get it through there and he did a great job."

Jones' performance marked the first time in Hawks history a defenseman scored the tying goal in regulation and the overtime winner, according to NHL Stats.

"It feels really good," he said. "We didn't start the way we wanted to in this game and after the second(period), we came in and it was all positive talk and what we needed to do and tie it up and get back in the game. And we did that."

Coach Luke Richardson added: "We wanted this game and they really played like it — Seth led the way. When there were times for him to join the rush when we were chasing the game, he joined and he was really excellent offensively.

"Defensively, he covers ground and he's got a heavy stick. When we needed a guy pinned in the zone, I thought he was on, all over. That was a complete game for him."

Rebuilding (i.e., tanking) can be a miserable process, but the Hawks have enough leeway on that front to squeeze in their fourth win in the last five games.

And they needed the mental boost after a jarring 8-5 defeat against the Seattle Kraken.

"Yeah, last game was rough," goalie Petr Mrázek said. "We've moved on."

The Hawks have to build winning characteristics into their DNA, like coming back from a 3-1 deficit and surviving a track meet with a team like the Sabres, particularly when they're not built for it.

Philipp Kurashev has been adding tools to his repertoire as well. Jones grabbed the spotlight in the end, but it was Kurashev who pushed this win from start to finish.

"Kurashev kind of led the way for us tonight," Richardson said. "(His and Jonathan) Toews' line, they got us on the board early. But even in the second period when we were reeling a little bit, I thought they consistently kept turning the tide back for us. That led us to having an opportunity in the third."

Kurashev scored a goal to pull the Hawks within 3-2 and had two assists, setting up Connor Murphy's opening goal and Jones' tying goal.

"He's got a hard shot. Heavy shot," Mrázek said of Kurashev. "He can hit the net and when he hits it, it's a big opportunity to score. And when he goes to the net, he can tip the pucks.

"He's a pretty (good) two-puck player there in practices also, so I'm glad that he scored a goal when we needed it."

The highs

■ Kurashev's line with Toews and Taylor Raddysh led the way, generating a game-high 10 scoring chances, according to naturalstattrick.com.

"When your line is feeling it, it's a good feeling," Kurashev said. "It was fun."

Kurashev and Toews assisted on Murphy's opening goal, with Kurashev seaming a pass to Murphy as he crashed the net.

"It's about execution," Kurashev said. "A lot of the times we're doing a lot of good things, but it's always the little thing that ends up not going in or whatever, like a bad pass or something. If we can keep our execution up, it'll be more often good things.".

■ The Hawks had three goals from defensemen: one by Murphy and two by Jones.

"It's always good when the D get involved and help the forwards out putting the puck in the net," Jones said. "We haven't done it enough this year."

The Blackhawks' Connor Murphy, right, celebrates his goal with Philipp Kurashev and Caleb Jones during the first period against the Sabres.

The lows

There were a few from which to pick, but the lowlight had to be Max Domi losing the puck uncontested on a power play to spring Peyton Krebs for a short-handed goal.

Domi took a bounce pass from Patrick Kane off the right wall and appeared to try to backhand to Jones, but he didn't get a full stick on it and it drifted to Krebs. Krebs sprinted with Jones and Domi in pursuit and backhanded a shot past Mrázek.

The Hawks had only one power play on the night and didn't get a shot on goal.

Stats of the game

■ Jones scored his 10th career overtime goal, joining Brent Burns (16) and Scott Niedermayer (13) as the third defenseman in NHL history to reach double digits, according to NHL Stats.

■ Kane and Toews played their 1,009th regular-season game together, passing former Edmonton Oilers and New York Rangers teammates Kevin Lowe and Mark Messier (1,008) for 10th all time. Toews had an assist and won 10 of 11 faceoffs (91%).

Injury report

Goalie Alex Stalock was held out of morning skate and placed in concussion protocol.

"Just bumped in practice," Richardson said. "You never know how things react with people, but we're just going to take precaution and put him on that protocol right now and hopefully it settles down quicker than last time."

Earlier this season, Stalock was sidelined for a month and a half in concussion protocol.

Where they stand

The Hawks improved to 12-26-4 (.333), with the Columbus Blue Jackets taking over the league's worst points percentage at .318 (13-29-2).

Up next

The Hawks start a two-game trip Thursday against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Blackhawks

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won 4-3 in overtime, but it speaks to Richardson's sense of obligation.

The first-year NHL head coach repeatedly has touted "communication" and "accountability" as two of the tent poles of the culture he's building, and in this instance he turned them on himself.

At the time, Johnson said he didn't give much thought to not being on the ice for that final shift in regulation.

"I think it was yesterday or two days ago, and (Richardson) mentioned that he felt bad that he didn't put me in there," Johnson said this week. "I was kind of shocked. I didn't really know what he was talking about, to be honest with you."

Johnson said his former Tampa Bay Lightning coach, Jon Cooper, with whom he won two Stanley Cups, also "was a really good communicator."

"So there's a lot of times where he would have said the same thing," Johnson said. "But I do know from hearing from other people around the league, that's not a normal thing.

"That's why this year all the players have raved about how good Luke is just because he is a good guy. You know he's in your corner. … So when he can communicate — whether it's a mistake or if he wants to feel something different or whatever it is — he's able to do that."

For Richardson, having that two-way street kind of candor helps build one-on-one relationships.

"Old-school coaches probably don't do that," he said. "They rely on their assistants to do that, and even sometimes they don't want you to have too much conversation with them. It's just old-school and it keeps people guessing. I think keeping people guessing at this level is not the right thing."

Of course, communication can mean different things to different coaches. Patrick Kane has played for five of them: Denis Savard, Joel Quenneville, Jeremy Colliton, Derek King and now Richardson.

"Everyone's different," Kane said. "Q was a guy that you didn't really hear too much from, but you kind of knew what was expected. He'd meet with the players like every 20 games and kind of tell you what he wanted from you, what he expected, things like that.

"I didn't mind that either. He let the players do their thing, and he was the coach. … But I think the way that Luke is doing it with this group, he's really doing a great job."

Kane recalled an interaction with Richardson about a situation in which the Hawks transitioned from a penalty kill to four-on-four and then to a power play.

"He put Domi and myself on the ice," Kane said, "and we kind of talked about it after and (I) thought maybe it was better to put someone else out there for four-on-four and then come back and play the rest of (the) power-play (unit) because there might have been like a minute left or something."

In other words, when penalties overlap like that, maybe the Hawks would have been better served holding off on deploying Kane and Domi until their penalty expired and the power play kicked it. That way they could capitalize on having their best shooters on the ice with a man advantage.

"It's not like he just brushed it away," Kane said of Richardson's reaction to his suggestion. "He came up to me the next day and talked about it and we had our different viewpoints. … He's obviously got a great demeanor about him and he's had a great career as a player. He played a long time, so he gets respect right away from that.

"Obviously when he's coming up to players and — not admitting mistakes but just discussing different situations — it goes a long way. Especially with a young team. It kind of shows that he's in it with us. He's not just making the calls on the bench."

Said Richardson: "For me, communication is probably No. 1 and I'm still learning how to be better at it. Hopefully the players appreciate it; I think they do. And they respond well to it usually."

The former Montreal Canadiens assistant told himself that once he became a head coach, one-on-one dialogue with players wouldn't be perfunctory. He would make it part of his routine.

But over the last six months he has learned that "sometimes I fall short on that every week because it just gets away. But I'll come back (to it)."

Richardson has been exposed to a lot of coaching styles.

The former defenseman played for six NHL teams over 21 seasons and was an assistant coach for eight seasons with the Ottawa Senators, New York Islanders and Canadiens.

"I always look back to different guys," Richardson said.

He singled out Ron Low, an assistant and then head coach when Richardson played for the Edmonton Oilers from 1991-97, and Craig Ramsay, an assistant and later head coach with the Philadelphia Flyers from 1998-2001.

"Ron Low was such an inspiration, motivational guy," Richardson said. "He wasn't an X's and O's guy, but he was smart enough to keep X's and O's guys around.

"He'd be very honest, though, that he felt he didn't have the right lineup on the ice. He just coached with honesty."

Richardson saw Ramsay as "more of a tactician."

"He was a really good teacher," Richardson said, "and same thing: He'd be creating relationships with guys and having good personal contact and he was more of an assistant coach than he was head coach over the years, but a very good tactician and explaining things on the ice, on the bench.

"If I had to pick two guys, I'd put them together to be the perfect coach. You have a lot of fire and inspiration and charge back there and energy that kind of filtered toward the bench in Ron Low, and you had Craig Ramsay, who could explain things, really get the tactical part of the game across. I guess you want to call (it) a 'Ron Ramsey.'+")

That combination makes sense when you examine how Richardson handles accountability for what happens during games.

For example, when a defenseman obviously blows an assignment that leads to a goal, it's common for Richardson to rewind the tape in his mind to the forward who was out of position that let that skater get to the net in the first place.

"Sometimes you can fool yourself and think you were playing OK: The team didn't have a great night, but I was OK," Richardson said. "But everybody could be better if the team didn't have a good night. That's coaches as well."

And that mindset seemingly filters down to the players.

"They have good discussions and they're not afraid to talk," Richardson said. "It's not calling each other out, but they talk about things sometimes.

"It's close to yelling, but they seem to be fine the next day or after the game and socializing. So that's a close-knit family and that's healthy."

Patrick Kane looks for an open teammate Dec. 15 vs. the Golden Knights. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Former Bull Joakim Noah stands while being applauded before a game at the United Center on Oct. 28, 2021. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BULLS

Tribute to his father

Noah wins game on Roland Garros clay where dad won French Open

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

PARIS — Joakim Noah, like his father, is now a winner on the clay at Roland Garros.

The former Bulls center teamed with Gabby Williams of the WNBA's Seattle Storm to beat former Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton and Spanish tennis player David Ferrer in a basketball game on the famed clay of Court Philippe-Chatrier on Wednesday night.

Noah and Williams won in three "sets" — the first two were to six points, the final set to three points.

"I'd never played basketball here, for sure," Noah said after the game, part of the lead-up events for Thursday's game between the Bulls and Pistons in Paris.

"I've hit some tennis balls a few times on this court. It's a really special place."

Noah's father, Yannick Noah, was the French Open men's champion in 1983.

Joakim Noah was born in 1985, won two NCAA titles at Florida and was a two-time All-Star in a career that spanned 13 seasons — mostly with the Bulls.

For the record, Joakim Noah says he's not exactly good at tennis. But it was a special moment to be on the clay where his father once reigned.

"Every time I see the pictures and the videos I know it's a part of my history," Noah said.

"And I'm really proud of it. I know how hard it was and how much sacrifice went into being able to play at this level and to have that special moment of winning."

The game, a promotional event for Wilson Sporting Goods, was two-on-two on half a tennis court, using the baselines and sidelines as out-of-bounds.

Bulls

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Bulls collaborate with Off-White to honor Abloh: The Bulls arrived in Paris amid the hubbub of Fashion Week — which runs through Jan. 22 — and featured a fitting collaboration between the team and Off-White, a fashion house created by revolutionary designer and Chicago native Virgil Abloh.

Abloh founded Off-White in 2013. After his death in 2021, his legacy has lived on with the connection between high-fashion brands and streetwear styles.

With help from Abloh's family, the brand partnered with the Bulls to honor his love of Chicago sports with a new series of Bulls designs for Off-White's 10-year anniversary. The entire Bulls roster received new Off-White Bulls varsity jackets created by streetwear designer and Chicago native Don C.

Jones pops the question: Regardless of Thursday's result, at least one Bulls player is coming home from Paris with a "W."

Backup forward Derrick Jones Jr. took the opportunity during a dinner for players, coaches, families and friends to propose to his longtime girlfriend, Shakara. Jones received an immediate and emphatic "Hell, yeah."

SKY

Game in Toronto a first for WNBA

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

The WNBA will head north for a preseason game in Canada.

The Chicago Sky will face the Minnesota Lynx on May 13 in Toronto in the first WNBA game to be played in the country.

"Bringing a WNBA preseason game to Canada is an important milestone for the global growth of the league," Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said. "I've spoken often of the global popularity of women's basketball, and this past season WNBA games were broadcast in 207 countries and territories, including in Canada, where fans have shown a great appetite for WNBA action."

This will be the third WNBA preseason game to be played outside the U.S. In 2004, the Detroit Shock and San Antonio Silver Stars met in Monterrey, Mexico, and in 2011 the Atlanta Dream played the Standard Life Great Britain women's basketball team in Manchester, England.

Canada has been on the rise in women's basketball, coming in fourth at the World Cup last year. The Lynx have Canadians Bridget Carleton and Natalie Achonwa on their roster. Achonwa announced she is pregnant in November and won't play in the game.

"We are looking forward to participating in this historic game for the WNBA," said Cheryl Reeve, the Lynx coach and president of basketball operations. "The league's global popularity has shown incredible growth, and I am pleased our team will be a part of continuing to pave the path for the WNBA by bringing our game to Canada."

Engelbert said the WNBA was close to announcing an exhibition game in Canada in 2020, but that was postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL DEPAUL 72, XAVIER 82

Blue Demons score first win over top-10 team in 3 years

By Andrew Seligman
Associated Press

Umoja Gibson scored 22 points, Javan Johnson added 16 and DePaul surprised No. 8 Xavier 73-72 on Wednesday night at Wintrust Arena.

The Musketeers (15-4, 7-1 Big East) came in rolling with 11 straight wins — their best run since the 2015-16 team got off to a 12-0 start. But they came up short against the Blue Demons (9-10, 3-5).

DePaul led by seven with about eight minutes remaining and made just enough plays to come away with its first win over a top-10 team since beating No. 5 Butler exactly three years earlier at Wintrust Arena.

Xavier led 70-68 after a twisting layup by Adam Kunkel with 1:43 remaining. DePaul's Eral Penn answered with a three-point play, but Penn missed the front end of a one-and-one with a minute to play.

Zach Freemantle put Xavier back on top 72-71 when he made two free throws with 46 seconds remaining. But Da'Sean Nelson answered with a layup to put DePaul ahead 73-72 with 28 seconds left.

Souley Boum then missed a layup, leading to a scramble and jump ball, giving DePaul possession with 2.4 seconds remaining. That sealed the Blue Demons' first win over a ranked opponent since beating No. 21 Xavier on Feb. 5, 2022.

Gibson made five 3-pointers and Johnson hit three beyond the arc. Nelson scored 10, and the Blue Demons won for the second time in three games.

Freemantle had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Xavier. Jack Nunge finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds. But Big East scoring leader Boum scored a season-low four.

Coming off a loss to Seton Hall after beating Villanova last week, DePaul led 64-57 with 7:49 remaining after Caleb Murphy hit a pull-up jumper. But Xavier reeled off seven straight, tying it on Freemantle's layup off a turnover by Nelson.

Gibson scored 17 in the first half and Johnson added 14 for DePaul, including a 3 from the wing just before the buzzer that sent the Blue Demons to the locker room leading 45-40.

They were up 31-26 when Xavier went on a 10-2 run that Jerome Hunter finished with a dunk, making it 36-33 with 3:39 left in the half. Gibson put DePaul back on top with a four-point play.

It was tied at 40 in the closing minute of the half when Penn made two free throws. Boum missed a driving layup before Johnson nailed a 3 to give the Blue Demons a five-point halftime lead.

Big picture

Xavier: This had the makings of a trap game for the Musketeers and they fell into it. They shot 38% and made 4 of 20 3s.

DePaul: The Blue Demons had the touch from the outside, making 9 of 20 3-pointers.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	33	12	.733	—
Philadelphia	28	16	.636	4½
Brooklyn	27	16	.628	5
New York	25	20	.556	8
Toronto	20	25	.444	13

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	24	21	.533	—
Atlanta	22	22	.500	1½
Washington	18	26	.409	5½
Orlando	16	28	.364	7½
Charlotte	11	34	.244	13

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	29	16	.644	—
Cleveland	28	17	.622	1
Indiana	23	22	.511	6
Chicago	20	24	.455	8½
Detroit	12	35	.255	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	30	13	.698	—
New Orleans	26	18	.591	4½
Dallas	24	21	.533	7
San Antonio	14	31	.311	17
Houston	10	34	.227	20½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	31	13	.705	—
Utah	23	24	.489	9½
Minnesota	22	23	.489	9½
Oklahoma City	21	23	.477	10
Portland	21	23	.477	10

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Sacramento	24	18	.571	—
Golden State	22	22	.500	3
L.A. Clippers	23	23	.500	3
Phoenix	21	24	.467	4½
L.A. Lakers	20	24	.455	5

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta at Dallas, late
Washington at New York, late
Charlotte at Houston, late
Cleveland at Memphis, late
Indiana at Oklahoma City, late
Miami at New Orleans, late
L.A. Clippers at Utah, late
Minnesota at Denver, late
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Detroit, 2p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 6:30p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Phoenix, 9p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Orlando, 6p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 6:30p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 6:30p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at Utah, 8p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 8p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Boston at Toronto, 4p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 6p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 9p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 130, Toronto 122
San Antonio 106, Brooklyn 98
Denver 122, Portland 113
Philadelphia 120, L.A. Clippers 110

SEASON LEADERS
through Tuesday's games

TEAM	PPG	PTS	FG%	2P%	3P%	FT%
SAC	120.0	5039	.493	.583	.369	.791
BOS	118.8	5344	.478	.575	.371	.832
UTA	117.6	5526	.472	.562	.360	.788
MEM	117.6	5055	.473	.541	.351	.713
GSW	117.5	5172	.473	.565	.374	.796
DEN	117.2	5155	.509	.572	.398	.751
LAL	117.0	5150	.486	.563	.338	.793
NOP	117.0	5148	.481	.542	.365	.780
OKC	116.8	5139	.465	.527	.357	.795
IND	115.5	5196	.460	.533	.365	.804
ATL	115.1	5063	.471	.536	.340	.820
MIN	115.0	5176	.493	.578	.349	.777
CHI	114.5	5040	.488	.546	.373	.817
NYK	114.3	5142	.454	.527	.338	.778
PHI	113.9	5013	.480	.546	.380	.825
BRK	113.5	4881	.506	.578	.384	.801
POR	113.3	4984	.479	.551	.372	.784
DAL	112.7	5071	.470	.579	.359	.743
MIL	112.6	5068	.456	.535	.355	.742
PHO	112.6	5066	.464	.511	.384	.801
SAS	112.5	5061	.471	.539	.342	.741
TOR	112.2	5051	.448	.515	.329	.793
CHO	112.2	5047	.450	.518	.330	.750
DET	112.1	5270	.454	.512	.358	.772
WAS	111.8	4921	.480	.557	.344	.776
CLE	111.5	5019	.482	.554	.360	.781
ORL	110.5	4861	.469	.543	.343	.791
HOU	109.6	4824	.445	.521	.330	.761
LAC	109.4	5031	.463	.523	.369	.763
MIA	108.9	4901	.453	.533	.338	.831

source: basketball-reference.com

NFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL ROUND
SATURDAY' GAMES
Jacksonville (10-8) at
Kansas City (14-3), 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
N.Y. Giants (10-7-1) at
Philadelphia (14-3), 7:15 p.m. (FOX)

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Cincinnati (13-4) at
Buffalo (14-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas (13-5) at
San Francisco (14-4), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
SUNDAY, JAN. 29
x-AFC winners, 2:05 p.m. x-Kansas City vs. Buffalo would be played in Atlanta
NFC winners, 5:30p.m. (FOX)

SUPER BOWL LVII
Sunday, Feb. 12,
State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.
Conference final winners, 5:30p.m.

WILD CARD TOP PERFORMERS
PASSING
352: Josh Allen, BUF vs. MIA
1/15 (23-39, 3 TD)
351: Tom Brady, TB vs. DAL
1/16 (35-66, 2 TD)
332: Brock Purdy, SF vs. SEA
1/14 (18-30, 3 TD)
305: Dak Prescott, DAL at TB
1/16 (25-33, 4 TD)
301: Daniel Jones, NYG at MIN
1/15 (24-35, 2 TD)

RUSHING
119: Christian McCaffrey, SF vs. SEA
1/14 (15 att., 0 TD)
109: Travis Etienne Jr., JAC vs. LAC
1/14 (20 att., 0 TD)
78: Daniel Jones, NYG at MIN
1/15 (17 att., 0 TD)
77: Tony Pollard, DAL at TB
1/16 (15 att., 0 TD)
63: Kenneth Walker III, SEA at SF
1/14 (15 att., 1 TD)
62: J.K. Dobbins, BAL at CIN
1/15 (13 att., 0 TD)
60: Dalvin Cook, MIN vs. NYG
1/15 (15 att., 0 TD)
54: Tyler Huntley, BAL at CIN
1/15 (9 att., 0 TD)
53: Saquon Barkley, NYG at MIN
1/15 (9 att., 2 TD)

RECEIVING
136: DK Metcalf, SEA at SF
1/14 (10 rec., 2 TD)
133: Deebo Samuel, SF vs. SEA
1/14 (6 rec., 1 TD)
129: T.J. Hockenson, MIN vs. NYG
1/15 (10 rec., 0 TD)
114: Stefon Diggs, BUF vs. MIA
1/15 (7 rec., 0 TD)
113: Gabe Davis, BUF vs. MIA
1/15 (6 rec., 1 TD)
109: Gerald Everett, LAC at JAC
1/14 (6 rec., 1 TD)
105: Isaiah Hodgins, NYG at MIN
1/15 (8 rec., 1 TD)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	43	34	5	4	72	166	94
Toronto	45	27	11	7	61	152	121
Tampa Bay	42	28	13	1	57	152	122
Florida	46	21	20	5	47	152	158
Buffalo	43	21	19	3	45	163	150
Detroit	43	18	17	8	44	134	149
Ottawa	43	19	21	3	41	126	139
Montreal	45	19	23	3	41	120	163
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	44	27	9	8	62	141	120
New Jersey	44	29	12	3	61	156	116
N.Y. Rangers	45	25	13	7	57	144	120
Washington	47	24	17	6	54	150	133
Pittsburgh	43	22	15	6	50	139	130
N.Y. Islanders	45	23	18	4	50	136	124
Philadelphia	45	19	19	7	45	127	145
Columbus	44	13	29	2	28	111	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Dallas	45	26	12	7	59	156	119
Winnipeg	45	29	15	1	59	149	118
Minnesota	43	25	14	4	54	138	120
Nashville	44	21	17	6	48	122	128
Colorado	42	22	17	3	47	131	121
St. Louis	45	22	20	3	47	141	160
Arizona	44	14	25	5	33	119	161
Chicago	42	12	26	4	28	98	157
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	45	28	15	2	58	147	130
Seattle	44	26	14	4	56	161	139
Los Angeles	46	25	15	6	56	154	157
Edmonton	46	25	18	3	53	169	152
Calgary	45	21	15	9	51	143	136
Vancouver	43	18	22	3	39	150	173
San Jose	45	13	23	9	35	137	172
Anaheim	45	12	28	5	29	105	190

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, late
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, late
Colorado at Calgary, late
Dallas at San Jose, late
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at Columbus, 6p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 6p.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 6p.m.
Winnipeg at Toronto, 6p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 6:30p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 8p.m.
Detroit at Vegas, 9p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 9p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 4, Washington 2
Montreal 4, Winnipeg 1
Philadelphia 5, Anaheim 2
Toronto 5, Florida 4, OT
Nashville 2, Columbus 1
Chicago 4, Buffalo 3, OT
Edmonton 5, Seattle 2
Arizona 4, Detroit 3, SO

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Arsenal	18	15	2	1	42	14	47
Man City	18	12	3	3	46	18	39
Newcastle	19	10	8	1	33	11	38
Man United	18	12	2	4	29	21	38
Tottenham	19	10	3	6	37	27	33
Fulham	20	9	4	7	32	29	31
Brighton	18	9	3	6	35	25	30
Brentford	19	7	8	4	32	28	29
Liverpool	18	8	4	6	34	25	28
Chelsea	19	8	4	7	22	21	28
Aston Villa	19	7	4	8	22	27	25
Crystal Palace	18	6	4	8	17	26	22
Notting. Forest	19	5	5	9	15	34	20
Leeds	18	4	5	9	26	33	17
Leicester	19	5	2	12	26	33	17
Wolverhampton	19	4	5	10	12	27	17
Bournemouth	19	4	4	11	18	41	16
West Ham	19	4	3	12	15	25	15
Everton	19	3	6	10	15	26	15
Southampton	19	4	3	12	17	34	15

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Crystal Palace 1, Manchester United 1

THURSDAY'S MATCH
Man City vs. Tottenham, 2p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Liverpool vs. Chelsea, 6:30a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Notting. Forest, 9 a.m.
Leicester vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Southampton vs. Aston Villa, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Everton, 9a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Newcastle, 11:30a.m.

ODDS

NBA **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Chicago	5½	(233½)	at Detroit
at Boston	4½	(227)	Golden State
Toronto	2½	(off)	at Minnesota
Philadelphia	3	(Off)	at Portland
at Phoenix	off	(234)	Brooklyn

NHL **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Philadelphia	-220	Chicago	+180
at NY Rangers	-113	Boston	-106
at Toronto	-176	Winnipeg	+146
at Carolina	-172	Minnesota	+142
at Columbus	-146	Anaheim	+122
Florida	-240	at Montreal	+195
at Buffalo	-115	NY Islanders	-104
Nashville	Off	at St. Louis	Off
Tampa Bay	off	at Edmonton	off
Washington	-196	at Arizona	+162
at Vegas	off	Detroit	off
at Seattle	-111	New Jersey	-108
at Los Angeles	-125	Dallas	+104

NFL PLAYOFFS **SATURDAY**

FAVORITE	NOW	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Kansas City	8½	(52½)	Jacksonville
at Philadelphia	7½	(48½)	NY Giants
			SUNDAY
at Buffalo	5	(48½)	Cincinnati
at San Francisco	3½	(45½)	Dallas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL **THURSDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Michigan State	2½	Rutgers
Purdue	13½	at Minnesota
Coll. Charleston	21½	at Monmouth
at Ga. Southern	3	LA Monroe
Florida Atlantic	14	at UTSA
at Gonzaga	15½	Loyola Marymnt
at Arizona	6½	USC
UCLA	5½	at Arizona State
Twoson	5½	at NC A&T
at Old Dominion	5	Georgia State
at N. Kentucky	4	Cleveland State
at Delaware	6½	William & Mary
at MTSU	2½	Charlotte
James Madison	1	at Troy
at Stony Brook	2	Northeastern
at NC Greensboro	14½	The Citadel
at Wright State	2	IPFW
Mercer	3½	at VMI
at Drexel	15	Hampton
at Hofstra	3½	NC Wilmington
at Maryland	3	Michigan
Appalachian St.	1	at Coastal Carolina
Oakland	11	at IUPUI
at Memphis	11½	Wright State
at Sam Houston	3	Stephen F. Austin
LA Lafayette	8½	at Arkansas State
Marshall	6	at Texas State
UMKC	2½	at North Dakota
at Southern Miss	5	S. Alabama
at North Texas	11	Rice
at Milwaukee	5	Robert Morris
at South Dakota	4½	Denver
E. Washington	3	at No. Colorado
Youngstown St.	15	at Green Bay
at Illinois	7	Indiana
at Portland	5	San Diego
at La. Tech	4½	Western Kentucky
at UTEP	6	FIU
at Utah	3	Washington St.
at Colorado	9	Washington
at Tennessee St.	8	E. Illinois
St. Mary's (Cal)	12	at Pepperdine
at Santa Clara	2	BYU
at UC Irvine	4	Hawaii
at San Francisco	10½	Pacific
at Long Beach St.	3	CS Fullerton
Stanford	10½	Oregon State

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 Houston (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
No. 2 Kansas (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 TCU, Saturday.
No. 3 Purdue (17-1) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
No. 4 Alabama (16-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
No. 5 UCLA (16-2) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.
No. 6 Gonzaga (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
No. 7 Texas (15-3) did ot play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
No. 8 Xavier (15-4) lost to DePaul 73-72. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
No. 9 Tennessee (15-3) did not play. Next: at LSU, Saturday.
No. 10 Virginia (14-3) beat Virginia Tech 78-68. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
No. 11 Arizona (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
No. 12 Iowa State (14-3) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State Saturday.
No. 13 Kansas State (16-2) did not play Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
No. 14 TCU (14-4) lost to West Virginia 74-65. Next: at No. 2 Kansas, Saturday.
No. 15 UConn (15-5) losto Seton Hall 67-66. Next: vs. Butler, Sunday.
No. 16 Auburn (15-3) beat LSU 67-49. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
No. 17 Miami (15-3) did not play. Next: at Duke, Saturday.
No. 18 Charleston (19-1) did not play. Next: at Monmouth, Thursday.
No. 19 Clemson (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
No. 20 Marquette (14-5) vs. No. 22 Providence. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday.
No. 21 Baylor (13-5) beat did not play. Next: at. Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 22 Providence (14-4) at No. 20 Marquette. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
No. 23 Rutgers (13-5) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
No. 24 Florida Atlantic (17-1) did not play. Next: at UTSA, Thursday.
No. 25 Arkansas (12-5) at Missouri. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
EAST
Bucknell 68, Army 66
Catholic 97, Elizabethtown 50
Colgate 77, Holy Cross 71
Johns Hopkins 89, Fr. & Marshall 60
Lafayette 70, American 59
Mass.-Lowell 81, UMBC 75
Mercyhurst 66, California (Pa.) 65
Mitchell 86, Trinity (Conn.) 77
Molloy 97, Mercy 85
Montclair St. 79, NJ City 74
Moravian 66, Goucher 61
Morgan St. 92, Hartford 84
Muhlenberg 82, Haverford 61
Navy 63, Boston U. 45
New Haven 60, Bentley 59
Penn State-Erie 77, Hilbert 69
Pitt.-Bradford 92, Alfred St. 85
Plymouth St. 73, New England Coll. 56
Roger Williams 77, Wentworth 53
Rowan 107, Stockton 69
S. Connecticut 73, Le Moyne 71
Salem St. 89, Mass. College 61
Scranton 86, Drew 69
Seton Hall 67, UConn 66
Slippery Rock 76, Edinboro 63
Springfield 85, Coast Guard 73
St. Anselm 79, S. New Hampshire 67
St. Bonaventure 65, Duquesne 56
St. Michael's 69, Pace 68
St. Rose 86, American International 72
St. Thomas Aquinas 97, Queens (NY) 81
St. Vincent 76, Grove City 68
Stevenson 78, Messiah 69
Tcnj Lions 81, Rutgers-Camden 62
Temple 73, East Carolina 58
Thiel 70, Waynesburg 67, 2OT
Virginia-Wise 106, Emory & Henry 83
W. New England 92, Gordon 63
West Liberty 86, Alderson-Broaddus 72
West Virginia 74, TCU 65
Wilkes 72, Kings (Pa.) 53
William Paterson 70, Kean 63
Williams 66, Amherst 65
Wilson College 97, Valley Forge 44
Worcester St. 69, Fitchburg St. 62, OT
Worcester Tech 83, Clark 75
York (Pa.) 68, Hood 65
SOUTH
Ala.-Huntsville 99, Montevallo 69
Auburn 67, LSU 49
Augusta 66, Georgia Southwestern 60
Averett 53, Lynchburg 45
Barry 90, Palm Beach Atlantic 81
Belmont Abbey 83, King (Tenn.) 75
Brevard 70, Greensboro 63
Catawba 71, Wingate 65
Cincinnati 85, South Florida 69
Converse 68, Southern Wesleyan 65
Elizabeth City St. 71, Bowie St. 65, OT
Emmanuel 74, Lees-Mcrae 66
Fayetteville St. 80, Livingstone 77
Florida Southern 96, Tampa 67
Furman 77, Chattanooga 69
Georgia College 84, Young Harris 77
Guilford 61, Roanoke 50
Hampden-Sydney 86, Randolph 67
High Point 71, Winthrop 66
Lander 86, Columbus St. 51
Lincoln Memorial 87, Mars Hill 65
Longwood 64, Gardner-Webb 59
Pfeiffer 105, Johnson & Wales (NC) 99
Pittsburgh 75, Louisville 54
Radford 63, Campbell 55
SC-Upstate 61, Presbyterian 60
Samford 69, ETSU 59
W. Carolina 76, Wofford 71
Washington & Lee 90, Ferrum 89
West Georgia 67, Union (Tenn.) 55
MIDWEST
Bradley 78, Indiana St. 67
Manchester 65, Bluffton 47
Missouri St. 65, Drake 62, OT
N. Iowa 65, Illinois St. 63
Nebraska 63, Ohio St. 60
Saint Louis 76, Loyola Chicago 59
Wabash 72, Wittenberg 62
Washburn 74, Fort Hays St. 64
SOUTHWEST
SMU 79, Tulsa 76, OT
Texas A&M 54, Florida 52
WEST
Utah Valley St. 84, Abilene Christian 54

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 South Carolina (18-0) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
No. 2 Ohio St. (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
No. 3 LSU (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
No. 4 Stanford (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Utah, Friday.
No. 5 UConn (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Saturday.
No. 6 Indiana (17-1) beat No. 21 Illinois 83-72. Next: vs. No. 14 Michigan, Monday.
No. 7 Notre Dame (14-2) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
No. 8 Utah (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Stanford, Friday.
No. 9 UCLA (15-3) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
No. 10 Iowa (15-4) beat Michigan State 84-81 (OT) Next: at No. 2 Ohio State, Monday.
No. 11 Maryland (14-4) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
No. 12 Virginia Tech (14-3) did no play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
No. 13 Duke (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 North Carolina, Thursday.
No. 14 Michigan (15-3) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Thursday.
No. 15 Oklahoma (15-2) beat TCU 93-66. Next: vs. Oklahoma St., Saturday.
No. 16 Gonzaga (17-2) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.
No. 17 North Carolina (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Duke, Thursday.
No. 18 Iowa State (12-4) beat Oklahoma State 69-64. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
No. 19 Arizona (14-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona St., Sunday.
No. 20 NC State (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
No. 21 Illinois (15-4) lost to No. 6 Indiana 83-72. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
No. 22 Villanova (17-3) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Friday.
No. 23 Oregon (13-5) did not play. Next: at Oregon St., Friday.
No. 24 Colorado (14-3) (12-4) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
No. 25 Texas(13-6) losto Texas Tech 68-64. Next: at Baylor, Sunday.

TENNIS

111TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN
Wednesday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, hrdcourt outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
Denis Kudla d. Roman Safiullin, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6(6), 6-3.
Enzo Couacaud d. Hugo Dellien, 6-4, 7-5, 6-0.
MEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND
Mackenzie McDonald d. #1Rafael Nadal, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

NADAL	Time: 2:32.	MCDONALD
6	Aces	14
2	Double faults	2
64%	1st serve in	66%
62%	Win 1st serve	68%
49%	Win 2nd serve	63%
197	Fastest serve (km/h)	198
182	1st srv avg (km/h)	178
161	2nd srv avg (km/h)	155
42	Winners	42
3	Return winners	2
31	Unforced errors	22
3	Return unforced errors	3
2-4	Break points won	5-8
15-24	Net points won	15-21
30-95	Receiving points won	42-102

#3Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Rinky Hijikata, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.
#6Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Alex Molcan, 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
#7Daniil Medvedev d. John Millman, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.
#10 Hubert Hurkacz d. Lorenzo Sonego, 3-6, 7-6(3), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
#11Cameron Norrie d. Constant Lestienne, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-3.
#15Jannik Sinner d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
#16Frances Tiafoe d. Juncheng Shang, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.
#18 Karen Khachanov d. Jason Kubler, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.
#20Denis Shapovalov d. Taro Daniel, 6-3, 7-6(3), 7-5.
#28 Francisco Cerundolo d. Corentin Moutet, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.
#29Sebastian Korda d. Yosuke Watanuki, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.
#31Yoshihito Nishioka d. Dalibor Svrcina, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Tallon Griekspoor d. #32Botic Van de Zandschulp, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Marton Fucsovics d. Lloyd Harris, 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
Jiri Lehecka d. Christopher Eubanks, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
EARLY THURSDAY, SECOND ROUND
#2Casper Ruud vs. Jenson Brooksby, late
#5Andrey Rublev vs. Emil Ruusuvuori, late
#8Taylor Fritz vs. Alexei Popyrin, late
#12Alexander Zverev vs. Michael Mmoh, late
#23Diego Schwatzman vs. Jeffrey John Wolf, late
#25Daniel Evans d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.
Tommy Paul d. #30 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 6-2, 2-6, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-4.
Ben Shelton vs. Nicolas Jarry, late
Denis Kudla vs. Ugo Humbert, late

WOMEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
Varvara Gracheva d. #8 Daria Kasatkina, 6-1, 6-1.
Nuria Parrizas Diaz d. #14Beatriz Haddad Maia, 7-6(11), 6-2.
#23Zhang Shuai d. Patricia Maria Tig, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.
#27 Irina-Camelia Begu d. Elizabeth Mandlik, 3-6, 7-6(1), 6-2.
Magda Linette d. Mayar Sherif, 7-5, 6-1.
Anastasia Potapova d. Sloane Stephens, 7-6(2), 6-4.
Lucrezia Stefanini d. Tatjana Maria, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Laura Siegemund d. Lucia Bronzetti, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND
#1Iga Swiatek d. Camila Osorio, 6-2, 6-3.
#3Jessica Pegula d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-2, 7-6(5).
#6Maria Sakkari d. Diana Shnaider, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
#7Coco Gauff d. Emma Raducanu, 6-3, 7-6(4).
#10Madison Keys d. Wang Xinyu, 6-3, 6-2.
#13Danielle Collins d. Karolina Muchova, 6-7(1), 6-2, 7-6(6).
Anhelina Kalinina d. #15Petra Kvitova, 7-5, 6-4.
#17Jelena Ostapenko d. Anna Bondar, 7-6(5), 5-7, 6-0.
#20 Barbora Krejcikova d. Clara Burel, 6-4, 6-1.
#22Elena Rybakina d. Kaja Juvan, 6-2, 6-1.
#24Victoria Azarenka d. Nadia Podoroska, 6-1, 6-0.
Bernarda Pera d. #29Zheng Qinwen, 6-4, 6-4.
Zhu Lin d. #32Jil Teichmann, 6-2, 6-2.
Kateryna Baindl d. Catherine McNally, 6-1, 7-6(4).
Cristina Bucsa d. Bianca Andreescu, 2-6, 7-6(7), 6-4.
Marta Kostyuk d. Olivia Gadecki, 6-2, 6-1.
EARLY THURSDAY, SECOND ROUND
#4Caroline Garcia vs. Leyla Fernandez, late
#5Aryna Sabalenka d. Shelby Rogers, 6-3, 6-1.
Katie Volynets d. #9Veronika Kudermetova, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
#16Anett Kontaveit vs. Magda Linette, late
#18Liudmila Samsonova vs. Donna Vekic, late
#19 Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Taylor Townsend, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
#23Shuai Zhang vs. Petra Martic, late
#26Elise Mertens d. Lauren Davis, 6-4, 6-3.
#30Karolina Pliskova vs. Yulia Putintseva, late
Camila Giorgi vs. Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, late

GOLF

PGA TOUR STATISTICS

TOP FINISHES	T10	1	2	3
Joel Dahmen	3	0	0	1
Tom Hoge	3	0	0	1
Maverick McNealy	3	0	0	0
Taylor Montgomery	3	0	0	1
Matthew NeSmith	3	0	1	0
Seamus Power	3	1	0	1
Scottie Scheffler	3	0	0	1
Sahith Theegala	3	0	1	0

DRIVING DISTANCE	RD	AVG.	DIST
Mito Pereira	12	322.6	7,743
Brandon Matthews	15	319.9	9,596
Cam Davis	18	315.4	11,354
Vince Whaley	8	314.7	5,035
Thomas Detry	20	314.6	12,585
Taylor Pendrith	16	314.3	10,059
Gary Woodland	17	313.9	10,673
Wyndham Clark	24	313.4	15,041
Trevor Cone	14	313.4	8,775
Kyle Westmoreland	18	313.2	11,275
Byeong Hun An	30	312.9	18,772
Davis Thompson	22	312.9	13,767
Jon Rahm	8	312.6	5,001
Kyle Stanley	6	312.5	3,750
Cameron Champ	14	312.3	8,745
Keith Mitchell	20	311.4	12,457
Trey Mullinax	17	311.0	10,573
Kurt Kitayama	14	310.9	8,706
Cameron Young	12	310.9	7,461
Matti Schmid	16	310.8	9,946
Patrick Cantlay	8	309.6	4,953
Sam Burns	13	309.4	8,045
Dean Burmester	18	309.2	11,131
Augusto Núñez	20	308.7	12,346
Kevin Yu	24	308.7	14,818

Driving Accuracy Percentage
1, Russell Henley, 75.18%. 2, Kevin Kisner, 75.00%. 3, Collin Morikawa, 74.11%. 4, Tom Kim, 73.41%. 5, Sean O'Hair, 71.43%. 6, Aaron Rai, 70.83%. 7, Si Woo Kim, 70.59%. 8, Brian Harman, 70.00%. 9, Keith Mitchell, 69.93%. 10, Chez Reavie, 69.57%.
Greens in Regulation Percentage
1, Patrick Cantlay, 81.25%. 2, Jon Rahm, 79.86%. 3, Collin Morikawa, 78.82%. 4, K.H. Lee, 77.08%. 5, Rickie Fowler, 76.98%. 6, Tom Kim, 76.54%. 7(tie), Akshay Bhatia, Matt Fitzpatrick and Justin Thomas, 76.39%. 10, Scottie Scheffler, 75.69%.
Total Driving
1, Keith Mitchell, 25. 2, Jon Rahm, 40. 3, Patrick Cantlay, 44.

Defending champ Rafael Nadal suffered a left injury during his 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 second-round loss to Mackenzie McDonald at the Australian Open on Wednesday. **DITA ALANGKARA/AP**

TENNIS ANALYSIS

Nadal's future far from clear

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — This is hardly the first time Rafael Nadal's body has betrayed him. That much we know. What no one — not even the 22-time Grand Slam champion himself — can possibly pinpoint accurately is what comes next.

First things first: How seriously did Nadal injure his hip during a 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 loss to 65th-ranked Mackenzie McDonald in the Australian Open's second round Wednesday?

Was there damage to a muscle, joint or cartilage? What will recovery entail? When might Nadal return to the ATP Tour?

He will get medical tests done to try to figure out some of the answers. What no MRI or X-ray can reveal, what no doctor can determine, is perhaps the most vital question of all: How much more of this sort of thing is he willing to put up with?

"I went through this process too many times in and I am ready to keep doing (it), I think," Nadal said after his earliest exit from a major tournament in seven years, "but that's not easy, without a doubt."

Nadal will turn 37 in 4 ½ months. The wear and tear produced by his punishing brand of play-each-point-as-if-it-might-be-the-last is undeniable. So, perhaps, is the psychological toll of the work it takes to be able to compete at the level to which he has grown accustomed.

"Sometimes it's frustrating ... difficult to accept," a downcast Nadal said. "Sometimes you feel super tired about all this stuff, in terms of injuries."

Over the last 12 months alone, he has been troubled by damaged rib cartilage ... and by chronic pain in his left foot that was dulled via nerve-numbing injections during his title run at the French Open ... and by a torn abdominal muscle that forced him to pull out of Wimbledon.

"It's a tough day," he said. "I can't say that I am not destroyed mentally at this moment, because I would be lying."

Nadal explained that his left hip was so bad, he couldn't hit a backhand or run much at all. He considered quitting but played on because he was the reigning champion.

McDonald, a 27-year-old American, claimed only four total games during a loss to Nadal the other time they played, nearly 2 ½ years ago.

McDonald said his emotions Wednesday after the biggest victory of his career were "a little more flat and stale than I thought they would be."

Why? "Because," McDonald said, "of the circumstances."

This was not a Nadal at the height of his powers.

"I thought it was an opportunity. ... He seems a step slow," McDonald said. "He's doing his best. He's a great champ. He's trying to make the most of what he can do. He's (almost) 37. His body's not what it used to be. Now is the best time to be playing him."

With so much unknown right now, Nadal offered a bit of insight when he was asked what motivates him to do what's required to keep returning from injury.

"... I like playing tennis. I know it's not forever. ... I like to fight for the things that I've been fighting for almost half of my life or more," Nadal said. "When you do things that you like, at the end of the day, it's not a sacrifice. You're doing the things that you want to do."

IN BRIEF

Gauff beats Raducanu, advances to third round

News services

Coco Gauff was twice a point away from being pushed to a third set by Emma Raducanu at the Australian Open but steadied herself and went on to a 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory Wednesday in the first head-to-head meeting between two young stars of tennis.

"This was a long-anticipated matchup," said the seventh-seeded Gauff, who was the runner-up to No. 1 Iga Swiatek at the French Open in June. "Basically since the draw came out."

The 18-year-old from Florida moved into the third round at Melbourne Park for the first time since 2020. She's the youngest seed in the women's field.

Raducanu, a 20-year-old who represents Britain, hasn't made it past the second round at a Grand Slam tournament since she won the 2021 U.S. Open as a teenager.

That made her the first qualifier to claim a major trophy.

Currently ranked 77th, Raducanu has been dealing with an ankle injury.

NBA: Desmond Bane scored 25 points, Ja Morant added 24 and the Grizzlies won their 11th straight game to match the franchise record, beating the visiting Cavaliers 115-114. Steven Adams tipped in the winner with 16 seconds left. The Cavs played without scoring leader Donovan Mitchell because of a strained left groin. It's not yet known if Mitchell will miss multiple games.

NFL: The Cowboys signed K Tristan Vizcaino to the practice squad three days after K Brett Maher missed his first four extra points in the team's wild-card victory over the Buccaneers. Vizcaino made two field goals and three PATs in one game with the Cardinals this season. ... The Seahawks locked up one of their potential free agents, signing K Jason Myers to a four-year contract reportedly worth up to $22.6 million with incentives. Myers made 34 of 37 FG attempts this season, led the league in scoring with 143 points and was selected to the Pro Bowl for the second time.

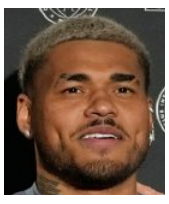
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Flyers' Provorov skips Pride warmup

Flyers defenseman Ivan Provorov cited his Russian Orthodox religion as the reason he did not participate in pregame warmups when the team wore Pride-themed jerseys and used sticks wrapped in rainbow Pride tape. The 26-year-old Provorov didn't take part in the pregame skate with his teammates before their game against the Ducks on Tuesday night, when the Flyers celebrated their annual Pride night in celebration and support of the LGBTQ community. He played nearly 23 minutes in the Flyers' 5-2 victory. "I respect everybody's choices," Provorov said after the game. "My choice is to stay true to myself and my religion. That's all I'm going to say." Flyers coach John Tortorella said Provorov "was true to himself and to his religion." "It's one thing I respect about Provy, he's always true to himself," Tortorella said. The Flyers hosted a pregame skate for local LGBTQ youth. Flyers players James van Riemsdyk and Scott Laughton have been staunch supporters of the community and launched a program in support of local LGBTQ youth. Laughton said overall the Flyers had a "great, great night that brings a lot of awareness." He also said there would be more conversations ahead with Provorov, who moved from Russia to the U.S. as a teenager.

Martinez finds new home in Miami



There was a time when Josef Martinez wanted to play the rest of his career in Atlanta. Now, he's eager to make his mark in South Florida. Martinez, the 2018 Major League Soccer MVP and centerpiece of Atlanta United's rise to prominence, was released by the club Wednesday so he could sign with Inter Miami. The moves weren't unexpected, given Martinez's struggles last season under United coach Gonzalo Pineda. The striker was told months ago that he wasn't going to be part of Atlanta's future. Still, it was jarring news for the city's record-setting fan base, which had adopted the 29-year-old Venezuelan as one of its own. After three stellar seasons that included leading United to the MLS Cup championship in just its second year in the league, Martinez never regained his dynamic form following a severe knee injury in the 2020 league opener. Still, he left quite a legacy in Atlanta, becoming the face of the expansion franchise after joining from Italy's Serie A before the inaugural season in 2017. He scored 98 goals in 134 MLS appearances, and 111 goals over 158 matches in all competitions.

Ex-Celtics player, coach Ford dies

Chris Ford, a member of the Celtics' 1981 championship team, a longtime NBA coach and the player credited with scoring the league's first 3-point basket, has died Tuesday, his family announced Wednesday in a statement. He was 74. No official cause was given. The Press of Atlantic City reported he died after suffering a heart attack earlier this month. Ford was voted the team's MVP in his first season with the Celtics. He retired following the 1981-82 season and was an assistant coach for seven seasons from 1983 to 1990, helping coach former teammates Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish to two titles in 1984 and 1986 while serving under coach K.C. Jones. He's one of four former Celtics to have won championships as both a player and coach, joining Bill Russell, Tom Heinsohn and Jones. Ford succeeded Jimmy Rodgers as Celtics head coach and led the team for five seasons from 1990-91 through 1994-95. He compiled a 222-188 record with four playoff appearances during his tenure. Ford also had a pair of two-year head coaching stints with the Bucks (1996-98) and Clippers (1998-2000). He began the 2003-04 season as an assistant for the 76ers and coached the final 30 games that season after Randy Ayers was fired. *—AP*

Bills coach Sean McDermott says his players "are in a good spot" since safety Damar Hamlin has returned home and continued his recovery from suffering cardiac arrest during the team's recent game against the Bengals. The Bills and Bengals play Sunday in the playoffs. **JOSHUA BESSEX/AP**

NFL PLAYOFFS

Focus firmly on the field

With Hamlin home, recovering, Bills, Bengals pivot to rematch

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Damar Hamlin is back on his feet, and that's uplifting enough in allowing coach Sean McDermott and the Bills to focus on their immediate future rather than an emotional past in preparing to host the Bengals in an AFC divisional playoff on Sunday.

In some three weeks time, the Bills — and the Bengals for that matter, too — have gone from having their game canceled after Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and needing to be resuscitated on the field in Cincinnati, to being consoled by the safety's remarkable recovery.

"I think the guys are in a good spot," McDermott said on Wednesday in noting Hamlin has made regular visits to the Bills facility this week.

"As he continues to improve, I think that certainly helps," McDermott added. "That experience, we'll carry with us, and there's a challenge to that. But there's also a lot of good that came from that. And I think right now, we need to focus on the positives."

The positives are numerous, and start with Hamlin back home a week after being released from the hospital. There's also the outpouring of support Hamlin received in the wake of his sudden collapse.

And McDermott believes the passing of time — and the chance to return to the field to play the following two weekends — helped ease whatever emotional residue he and his players felt.

"I shared this with my kids on Sunday after the New England game because that's when I had a chance to slow down," McDermott said, following a regular-season-ending 35-23 win over the Patriots two weeks ago.

"When you can go through your life 48 years and not really have an experience like that, and then that happens, you know that God's real," he added. "And you know that there's power in prayer and miracles do happen."

McDermott said Hamlin is not attending team meetings, but taking what he called "a baby step at time" in re-establishing a normal routine by "just kind of dipping his toe back in here and getting on the road to just getting back to himself."

The mood this week in Cincinnati was similarly upbeat after the Bengals were also left stunned by the sight of Hamlin collapsing after making what appeared to be a routine tackle of receiver Tee Higgins in the first quarter.

"To see Damar getting healthier as time passes and see where it ended up, there is always going to be a strong connection between these two organizations, and that's a good thing," coach Zac Taylor.

Now it's a matter of two teams who bonded on the field and in the locker rooms in a time of crisis by agreeing the Week 17 game could not proceed, essentially picking up where they left off. Rather than having the AFC's top seed hanging in the balance as it was supposed to be on Jan. 2, the stakes are even higher.

"It means there's a ticket to the AFC championship on the line. ... I don't think there's anything more that needs to be said about that," Bengals center Ted Karras said. "It was shocking circumstances that happened when they were here. I'm glad everything worked out great. ... Now it's a win or go home scenario."

It's a little more personal for the Bills, but center Mitch Morse believes the team can move on.

"Exponentially, yeah, it helps. There's a lot of reprieve from seeing him and carrying conversations," Morse said of Hamlin's interactions with his teammates. "I think a few guys are still coming down emotionally, like catching up on their rest and stuff. For me, personally, I can only speak for myself, it's subsided a bit."

Bills safety Jordan Poyer is looking forward to the challenge.

"I don't think it should be any different than any other game that we've been in," Poyer said. "Two really good teams that want to win. It's the playoffs. And so we're expecting a really great atmosphere, and we're excited for the opportunity."

The one issue facing both teams involves game-planning, and whether to go with a similar approach as three weeks ago. The Bills only had one possession, which ended with a field goal. The Bengals, who led 7-3 on Joe Burrow's 14-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Boyd, were on their second offensive series and led 7-3 when the game was called off.

"You've got to be careful about digging too much, trying to uncover this or that, because we spent a lot of time prior to our last game," Bills defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier said. "You have to be careful of over-thinking it ... giving the players too much, and you end up not playing your best football."

AP writer Mitch Stacy contributed.

DIVISIONAL ROUND

SATURDAY
Jaguars at Chiefs, 3:30 p.m., NBC
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NFL INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Three QBs make most of playoff debuts

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

A trio of NFL playoff quarterback newcomers provided some memorable playoff moments.

Brock Purdy, Trevor Lawrence and Daniel Jones all won in their first career starts in the postseason with performances for the history books. This marked the first time since the 2017 season that three QBs won in their first playoff starts in the same postseason.

Purdy started the weekend for 49ers by throwing for 332 yards and three TDs and running for another score in a 41-23 victory over the Seahawks on Saturday.

Purdy became the first rookie QB to account for four TDs in a playoff game as he became the first rookie QB to win a playoff start since Russell Wilson in 2012.

Picked 262nd in the draft as "Mr. Irrelevant," Purdy was the lowest-drafted rookie quarterback to win a playoff start, going 110 spots after T.J. Yates, who won for the Oilers in 2011.

The only rookie QBs to throw for more yards in a playoff game than Purdy are Wilson, who threw for 385 yards against the Falcons in his second playoff start in 2012, and Hall of Famer Sammy Baugh, who had 335 in his first playoff start against the Bears in 1937.

Lawrence, the No. 1 overall pick in 2021, followed it up with a roller-coaster performance against the Chargers.

He followed up four first-half interceptions with four TD passes to lead the Jaguars to the third-biggest comeback in playoff history when they rallied from 27-0 down to win 31-30 on Saturday night.

The only bigger playoff comebacks came when the Bills rallied from 35-3 down to beat the Oilers 41-38 in overtime on Jan. 3, 1993, and when the Colts came back from a 38-10 deficit to beat the Chiefs 45-44 on Jan. 4, 2014.

The comeback was the third by the Jaguars from at least 16 points down in their last 10 games, after doing it once in the first 455 games as a franchise. The Jags had been 1-125 when trailing by at least 16 points before this recent run that started with a 27-20 win over the Raiders in Week 9 after getting down 17-0.

Lawrence joined Ben Roethlisberger (2020 season against the Browns) as the only QBs with at least four TD passes and four interceptions in the same game.

Jones took until his fourth season to make it to the postseason but made the wait worthwhile when he threw for 301 yards and rushed for 78 yards in the Giants' 31-24 win over the Vikings.

Jones joined Steve Young and Lamar Jackson as the only QBs to throw for at least 300 yards and rush for at least 70 yards in a playoff game. But Jones is the first to do it in a win and the first to do it with at least two TD passes.

Dominant division

The wins by the Cowboys and Giants, gave the NFC East three teams in the divisional round with the first-place Eagles having gotten a bye.

This marked just the third time three teams in one division advanced this far in the postseason with it last happening in 1997 when the NFC Central's Vikings, Packers and Buccaneers did.

The other time also was in the NFC in 1992 when the Cowboys, Eagles and Washington all made it.

No lucky 7s

Since the NFL expanded the playoffs to seven teams per conference in 2020, no extra team has won a game.

The Seahawks lost to the 49ers on Saturday and the Dolphins fell to the Bills, dropping the combined record of the seventh seeds to 0-6.

The average margin of victory from those games has been 12.2 points per game with only two decided by less than 12 points, including the Bills' 27-24 win over the Colts two years ago.

‘Wrestle like a girl’ takes on new meaning

Denise Crosby

In the nearly 20 years since I’ve had kids in school, a whole lot has changed, and truth is, I thought I was doing a decent job keeping up to date.

That is, until I walked into a gymnasium this month at Naperville Central High School.

I was there to watch my grandkid’s first tournament under the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation.

A second grader, her name is Gracie. And I figured this event would include mostly young males because, well, I also assumed there aren’t enough girls in this sport to have a tournament of their own.

Boy, was I wrong.

To show just how far out of it I was, I walked the entire length of the packed gymnasium, climbed to the top of the far right bleacher, situating myself in a crowded corner before finally taking a good look around.

Every athlete in the packed house was indeed female.

Some were little more than tots — 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds — walking around in tiny singlets and headgear covering their delicate French braids or ponytails. Most of the participants were upper elementary and middle school age, as I quickly found out this West Suburban Girls Wrestling club tournament was titled “Girls Rule Rumble.”

My surprise stems from thousands of personal hours logged in gyms all over the Chicago area and beyond, as my sons took part in this sport through 2005. One of my most vivid memories was watching as the lone girl on one of their junior high teams was given the choice of cutting her long hair that kept coming out of a skullcap under her headgear or forfeiting the match to her male opponent.

She chose to keep wrestling. And I watched in shock — anger, too — as her coach brandished a pair of scissors and, in front of the entire crowd, lopped off that thick braid.

She lost the match. And I always felt that females everywhere lost hard-fought points that day.

Fortunately, girls have come a long way on playing fields, and gym mats, with women’s wrestling becoming part of the Olympics in 2004. And it’s grown in popularity.

But it’s only been recently that female wrestling has really caught fire in our area, in part because 2021 - which was the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX — was the first year for a girls wrestling division sanctioned by the Illinois High School Association, making it the 28th state to do so.

As it turned out, at this Naperville Central tournament, I was sitting next to the girls wrestling coach at Niles West High School, who was there to cheer on her good friend’s daughter. And Caitlin Casey happily filled me in on just how popular the sport has become, noting that in the last few years, the number of high school participants jumped from around 600 to over 1,600.

What makes this growth even better, she told me, is how the male wrestlers, rather than grouse about girls in their rough and tumble arena, are now welcoming them on the mat, with some boys even wearing T-shirts that proclaim “Girls Can Wrestle Too.”

Taylin Long told me she’s got a guy friend whose T-shirt reads “Wrestle like a girl.”

Long is a 19-year-old grappler for Aurora University’s female program, who also coaches K-8 girls with the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation feeder programs for Batavia and St. Charles East high schools.

The Batavia grad has been a fan of this sport since fifth grade when she competed in her first match — against a boy, of course. Wrestling guys was pretty much the way she had to roll all the way through her senior year at Batavia, Long recalled, adding

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Centenarian found purpose, friendship amid church garden

Donna Vickroy

It was a place where skeptics said nothing would grow, but the new friends turned it into a vegetable bonanza benefiting both the children of the parish and the community’s poor.

The garden is now gone. The priest is now retired, and the dedicated senior who last week turned 100 now uses a wheelchair to get around.

But the friendship lives on.

On Jan. 8, two days before Surufka reached the centenarian milestone, Fleck returned to St. George to celebrate Mass for the man he first encountered inside the nave. After the service, a reception was held and Cmdr. William McNellis and Service Officer Ken McClory, of Tinley Park’s American Legion Post 615, presented Surufka with a certificate of honor.

Fleck recalled how he noticed soon after he arrived at the southwest suburban church in 2003 that “Jay and his wife, Estelle, came to early morning Mass every day and sat on the left-hand side of the church, all the way in the back.”

Happy Birthday Jay!
#100
Give Thanks

John “Jay” Surufka, left, turned 100 on Jan. 10. The Rev. Ken Fleck, his longtime friend and fellow gardener, celebrated a Mass in his honor at the parish where they met, St. George Catholic Church in Tinley Park, and then attended an American Legion party in Surufka’s honor. **DONNA VICKROY/NAPERVILLE SUN**

When Estelle died in 2004, Fleck handled the life celebration and accommodated Surufka’s wish to donate money in her memory toward the purchase of a television that could be used as both a song board for Masses and a medium for showing photos and other images during services.

Surufka began showing up daily, at the “crack of dawn,” Fleck said, to tend to the garden.

“From age 80 to 98 he worked in the garden,” every day on his hands and knees, using his old latrine shovel to pull weeds from their roots, Fleck recalled.

When the work was done, he’d head to Fleck’s office, where the friends would enjoy a cup of coffee, a home-baked treat and meaningful conversation.

“We talked about everything,” Fleck said, including how both men developed a love for gardening in childhood and about Surufka’s advancing age.

“I would say, ‘I’m worried you might fall and break a hip.’ And he’d say, ‘I can’t fall, I’m kneeling all the time,’ ” Fleck said. “So I bought him a neoprene pad to kneel on.”

The garden lived a year after Fleck retired in 2020 and moved to Michigan City, Indiana. The pastor made regular trips back to Tinley to tend to what had become a substantial patch, enough to yield 1,600 pounds of fresh produce yearly for local food banks.

After revisiting that final planting, Fleck would head to Surufka’s home a few blocks away for their communal cup of coffee. The friends, both avid bakers, would take turns supplying the accompaniment.

“I told him, ‘Now for the next 17 years I’m going to have coffee at your table,’ ” Fleck said.

Surufka’s daughter, Vicki Wiley, said her dad gardened at her house in South Holland, pulling weeds and planting rose bushes, up until last fall. In October he suffered a stroke and is now in a wheelchair.

Wiley attributes her father’s longevity to “good living.”

“He was active and has a good sense of humor,” she said. “The doctors were asking him important questions about how he was feeling and he was cracking jokes.”

She said he believes in the health benefits of beet juice and pours it on everything.

Surufka grew up the fifth of 13 children in Phoenix, Illinois, during the Great Depression. He never made it to high school because his family needed him to work.

He started in maintenance at Butternut Bakery and worked his way up to project engineer, Wiley said.

After he married Estelle, the couple built a house in Harvey and had two children. Later the Surufkas moved to Tinley.

Today, Surufka has four grandchildren and two great-grand-

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children. His son Dennis died in 2019.

Having her father for so long, Wiley said, has been a gift.

"He's a gentle man, always thinking of others," she said.

During a presentation at the centenarian's party, McClory told the attendees how Surufka, a member of the 86th Infantry, known as the Blackhawk Division, sustained a hit to his right arm and right leg during an offensive in Germany in April 1945. The Army private first class received four medals, two bronze stars and a Purple Heart for his bravery.

Fleck said over the years Surufka became friends with many members of the St. George community.

"Our friendship began with our shared love of gardening," Fleck said.

Though the garden is now gone, the pastor emeritus said, "Our love for each other has continued to grow. I wanted to celebrate his birthday in the context of his other family — his church family.

"This is the best way I could honor him."

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that finding female opponents meant traveling further or competing in smaller brackets.

These days tell a different story. North Central College, now considered one of the top women's wrestling programs in the nation, introduced its first team in 2019. And there are over 30 collegiate programs across the country, including Aurora University, which is in its second year.

"Exponentially," is how this increase is described by coach Charles Graves, who leads the girls team at West Aurora High School, now in its first official year. "What we are seeing is amazing."

There are about 20 girls out for the team this season, he added, including two who are state qualifiers from last year. And Graves expects those numbers to go up in high schools everywhere, thanks in large part to successful local feeder programs.

In the four hours I sat on that top far right bleacher I watched with equal pride and amazement as these young girls went out on those mats, shook hands — some like Gracie with freshly painted nails — and then proceeded to kick butt in moves that, not so long ago, were described as "unlady-like."

Second grader Gracie Crosby attempts an escape during one of her first matches at the West Suburban Girls Wrestling tournament held recently at Naperville Central High School.
DENISE CROSBY/BEACON-NEWS

One thing I came to appreciate in my many years watching wrestling is the dedication and work that goes into this sport. But there is also a big payoff, in confidence, self-reliance and self-discipline, all of which play into a healthy mindset as well as strong body.

Long was quick to mention the "life lessons" she's learned from the sport, which include the ability to "push through moments of weakness" whether on the mat or with everyday problems that come our way.

Wrestling is tough, no doubt about it.

And it produces plenty of tears.

After my granddaughter won her first match — 6-5, it was a nail-biter for those of us who are her biggest fans — her dad freely admitted he cried.

Gracie did too, in his arms after getting pinned in her second match.

"Girls are a little more emotional; you will see more tears, but that's OK," admitted Casey, who is coaching six wrestlers this year, all of whom she considers "amazing young women" as well as "trailblazers."

It takes a lot to step out there on the mat, all three coaches insisted, which is why wrestling tends to draw independent, strong-minded kids who want to win but aren't afraid to fail.

"Our girls," noted West Aurora coach Charles Graves, "walk with a lot of confidence."

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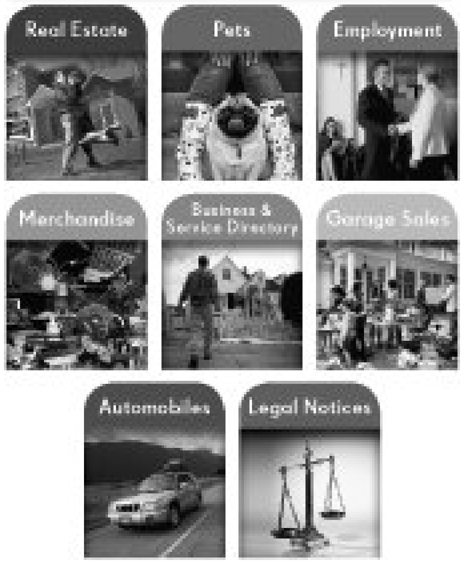
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1/19, 1/26, 2/2/2023 7362059

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE MONEY SOURCE INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
MARILYN J. WENDEL, MARILYN J. WENDEL, AS CO-TRUSTEE OF THE WENDEL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 9, 2018, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE WENDEL FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 9, 2018
Defendants
2022 CH 02464
4124 NORTH OKETO AVENUE
NORRIDGE, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 18, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 4124 NORTH OKETO AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706
Property Index No. 12-13-408-028-000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was $271,007.35.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700. Please refer to file number 22-004277.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
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ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250
Chicago IL, 60601
312-651-6700
E-Mail: AMPS@manleydeas.com
Attorney File No. 22-004277
Attorney Code. 48928
Case Number: **2022 CH 02464**
TJSC#: 42-4349
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Kindergarten registration has been scheduled for children who will attend kindergarten in District 84 schools this coming fall. To be eligible, children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2023. Registration will be held at all District 84 elementary schools during the week of January 30***. Registration will be by appointment only. Please contact your child's school to schedule an appointment.***

A certified copy of your child's birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. Baptismal and hospital certificates are not acceptable. Birth certificates for children born in Chicago and the Cook County suburbs may be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's Office, 1311 Maybrook, Room 109, Maywood, IL 60153. For more information on fees and procedures, call 708-865-6010.

The person with whom the student resides in the District must submit at least one (1) proof of residency from **Category A** *and* two (2) proofs from **Category B** (an affidavit must be accompanied by three (3) proofs from Category B). Only original copies will be accepted. All proofs must contain the address of record to be considered valid.

Category A Provide one (1) current document	**Category B** Provide two (2) proofs	
______ Mortgage papers or closing statement, along with proof of last month's payment (i.e. canceled check or receipt)	___ Gas Bill *	___ Driver's License/State ID
______ Notarized copy of a lease listing the name, address, and phone number of the property owner, along with proof of last month's payment. (Lease must list all persons living in the household)	___ Electric Bill *	___ Foreign Consulate ID Card
	___ Water/Sewer Bill*	___ Home/Rental Insurance
______ The most recent real estate tax bill for your residence	___ Cable Bill*	___ Vehicle Registration
______ Notarized Residency Affidavit Form (To be used if you do not have a current mortgage or lease). **This option must be accompanied by three (3) proofs from Category B.**	___ Telephone Bill*	___ Medicaid Card/Document
	___ Pay Stub*	___ Public Aid Card/Document
**** Must be dated within the last 30 days.***	___ W-2 Form	

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Matriculaciones para el Kindergarten

Año Escolar 2023-2024

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Ya tenemos las fechas de las matriculaciones para los niños de Kindergarten del distrito escolar 84 del próximo otoño. Para ser elegible, los niños deben de cumplir cinco años en o antes del 1 de septiembre, 2023. Las matrículas van a ser en las escuela primarias del Distrito 84 durante la semana del 30 de enero. ***Serán por cita solamente. Por favor de comunicarse con la escuela de su hijo para que haga una cita.***

Cuando vaya a registrar a su hijo debe de presentar una copia certificada del acta de nacimiento. No aceptamos el certificado del Bautismo o el certificado del Hospital. El acta de nacimiento de los niños nacidos en Chicago y en los suburbios del Condado Cook puede ser obtenida en la Oficina del Condado Cook (Cook County Clerk's Office), 1311 Maybrook, Room 109, Maywood, IL 60153. Para más información acerca del costo y procedimientos, llame al 708-865-6010.

La persona con quien el estudiante reside en el Distrito debe presentar una (1) prueba de residencia de la **Categoría A** *y* dos (2) pruebas de la **Categoría B** (Si es una declaración jurada debe ir acompañada de tres (3) pruebas de la categoría B). Solo se aceptarán copias originales. Todas las pruebas deben contener la dirección de registro para ser consideradas válidas.

Categoría A Proporcione un (1) documento actual	**Categoría B** Proporcione dos (2) pruebas	
______ Documentos de la hipoteca o declaración de cierre, junto con el comprobante del pago del mes pasado (es decir, cheque cancelado o recibo)	___ Recibo de gas* ___ Recibo de luz*	___ Licencia de conducir/ Identificación del estado
______ Copia notariada de un contrato de arrendamiento con el nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del propietario, junto con el comprobante del pago del mes pasado. (El contrato de arrendamiento debe incluir a todas las personas que viven en el hogar)	___ Recibo de agua alcantarillado* ___ Recibo de cable*	___ Tarjeta de identificación del consulado extranjero ___ Seguro de alquiler/o de hogar
______ La factura de impuestos inmobiliarios más reciente para su residencia	___ Recibo de telefono*	___ Registro de vehículo
______ Formulario de Declaración Jurada de Residencia Notariada (Para ser utilizado si no tiene una hipoteca o arrendamiento actual). **Esta opción debe ir acompañada de tres (3) pruebas de la Categoría B.**	___ Talón de pago* ___ Formulario W2	___ Tarjeta/documento de Medicaid ___ Tarjeta/documento de ayuda pública
**** Deben de estar fechadas dentro de los últimos 30 días.***		

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
M & T BANK
Plaintiff,
-v.-
STANLEY I HOPPER A/K/A STANLEY IRL HOPPER
Defendants
22 CH 06567
4536 NORTH PONTIAC AVENUE
NORRIDGE, IL 60706
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 12, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 15, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4536 NORTH PONTIAC AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-14-216-021-0000

The real estate is improved with a single family residence with a two car garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.

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Attorney ARDC No. 61256
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: **22 CH 06567**
TJSC#: 42-4039

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # **22 CH 06567**
I3210806
1/12, 1/19, 1/26/2023 7357850

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
VICTORIA G. SHEA; VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
22 CH 1467
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, January 30, 2023 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 12-25-320-035-0000.

Commonly known as 2518 North 79th Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.
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You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The comment period will not end before February 9, 2023 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Jane Dokko, Vice President of Community Development and Policy Studies at (312) 322-6827; to request a copy of the notice, contact Colette A. Fried at (312) 322-6846. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.
1/19/23 7362750

Storage - Legal

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. Notice is hereby given that PODS Enterprises, LLC will sell the contents of containers at auction to the highest bidder. Auction will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com starting on February 2, 2023 and ending on February 9, 2023. Please call (855) 205-6203 for more information. Contents to be sold may include general household goods, electronics, office & business equipment, furniture, clothing and other miscellaneous property. Contents are stored by the following persons: Yvette Vega: 83616BX; 122537BX; Lisa Powell: 120749BX; 1122B27; 399B4; KRISTINE EPISCOPO: 93499BX; Peter Pecoulas: 510B17; Max Gerstein: 17310BX; Robert Rimmer: 612VX; Stephen Schultz: 10831VX.
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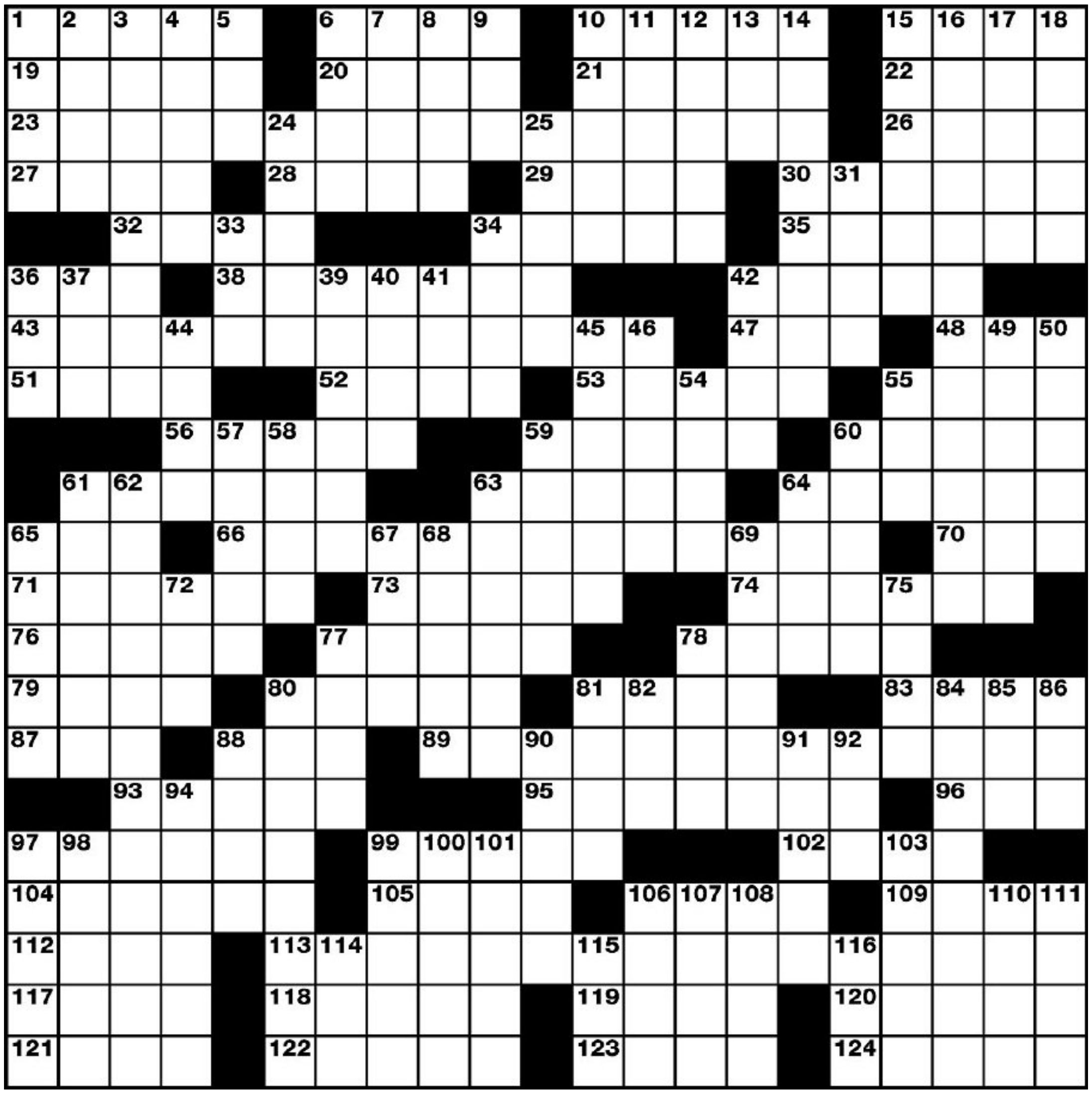

Last week's answers can be found in today's "Puzzle Island Solutions."

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4 Only first name for three Best Actress Oscar winners
5 Compass reading
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24 Prettify
25 Chris of tennis fame
31 Works smoothly
33 Hoover Building agency
34 Place for a blotter
36 Tempe sch.
37 Major ATM manufacturer
39 Tougher on the eye
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41 Wd. in Roget's
42 One of Canada's First Nations
44 Aft area
45 Instance of exit
46 Highly agitated
49 Mythical ill-fated aviator
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54 Ho Chi __ City
55 Business card abbreviation
57 Dealt with it
58 Celtic Grammy artist
59 Quilt filling
60 Area of expertise
61 Marquee time
62 Ulterior motive
63 This way
64 Foreboding sign
65 Unwitting victim
67 "Sorry to say ..."
68 Wizardry
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72 DVR remote button
75 Seller's advisory
77 British nobleman
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81 Humble response to praise
82 Signal to speak
84 Have no faith in
85 Self-perception
86 No particular
88 Long periods
90 City west of Montgomery
91 Pool marking
92 Named period
94 Honda competitor
97 Musical postscripts
98 Full-grown
99 Hunch over
100 How Romans spelled a spewer
101 Music recording company
103 "Me, too!"
106 Crayola's Pacific, for one
107 Semper Fi grp.
108 "Get lost!"
110 Skin-soothing stuff
111 Smartphone part
114 Grand __ Opry
115 101 Down output since 1948
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We’re Done Here

By Taylor Johnson

Edited by Patti Varol and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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23 *Beemer with a “Fighting Spirit”
26 Military training groups
27 Fearful
28 Tazo beverage
29 Casserole pasta
31 German appliance brand
32 Many an irs.gov download
33 *Mewed quietly
36 D.C. daily
38 Twirled (around)
39 Musical finale
40 ___ buco
43 Marinara tomato
46 Per unit
48 Fragrant fir
52 *Firmest offer
55 Legal org.
57 “Fast Money” cable network
58 Poker variety
59 Rebecca Solnit’s “___ Explain Things to Me”
60 “Understood”
62 “Buenos días”
63 Fitting
64 ___ Lingus
66 Pop Warner football division
68 Rock singer?
69 *Dreamed every possibility
74 Poutine topping
76 River formations
77 Plopped down
78 12/24, e.g.
81 Past due
82 Viral social media posts
83 Place to retire
86 City with a view of Vesuvius
88 ___-friendly
89 Cal. neighbor
90 *Charmed, e.g.
92 Actress Plimpton
94 ___ colada: tropical mocktail
97 Strip on a bench
98 Small jazz combo
99 “Pitch Perfect” actress ___ Mae Lee
101 Snoop (around)
103 Snoop (around)
105 *Ramen from a restaurant
111 Small 34-Down
114 Central Florida city
115 Square one?
116 Hoodwink
117 Noisy insect
119 Generous
121 “I want nothing to do with this!,” and how to make the six starred clues match their answers
124 Jerk
125 Loser to the tortoise
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127 Small building block
128 Actress Dahl who is Lorenzo Lamas’s mother
129 “Ah”
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1 Fairy-tale bear
2 Switch positions?
3 Pascal of “The Mandalorian”
4 Curse
5 Oaf
6 Tee-___
7 App with pics
8 Origami need
9 “Abbott Elementary” network
10 Quit working suddenly, as an engine
11 Emphatic refusal
12 Longtime Chicago Symphony conductor
13 Covertly add to an email
14 Oakland’s county
15 Tom Wolfe coinage for frivolous activism
16 One making jerky, perhaps
17 “Skyfall” singer
18 Pedometer button
24 ___ bean
25 Corn servings
30 “Monsters, ___”
33 Crescent on Pakistan’s flag
34 Apple tablet
35 “Totally horrible”
37 Painter’s layer
40 Workplace safety org.
41 “Enough!”
42 Taffy type
44 ___ Grand: Las Vegas casino
45 Penny prez
47 Dev of “The Newsroom”
49 Reef explorer
50 Willing partner
51 Thom ___ shoes
53 Welling up
54 Enters, as data
56 Disputes
60 Loch resident, familiarly
61 Carry a balance
65 Winona of “Stranger Things”
67 Chapter in history
68 Pear-shaped instrument
70 Too far
71 Saudi Arabia neighbor
72 The Grand ___ Opry
73 Serenaded
74 Blue
75 Tabula ___
79 “___, vidi, vici”
80 International gas brand
82 Disney heroine voiced by Auli’i Cravalho
84 “Montero” singer Lil ___ X
85 Pro Bowl org.
87 Frilly underskirt
90 Go on
91 Lawn party site
93 Was connected
95 San ___ Fault
96 “Is it worth the risk?”
100 Novelist Patchett
102 ___ homo
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105 Steadfast belief
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117 Meet-___: rom-com device
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114					■	115				■	116			■	117					118
119					120	■	121			122				123						
124						■	125				■	126				■	127			
128						■	129				■	130				■	131			

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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

MHEYMA
☐☐☐○○☐

CYSHEP
○○☐○☐☐

TENNYI
☐○○☐○☐

BARROH
○☐☐☐○☐

SUWNIE
○☐○☐☐○

RMALEV
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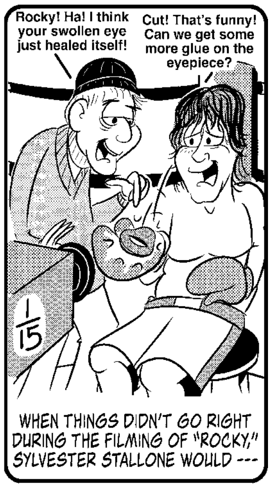
Rocky! Ha! I think your swollen eye just healed itself!
Cut! That’s funny! Can we get some more glue on the eyepiece?
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WHEN THINGS DIDN’T GO RIGHT DURING THE FILMING OF “ROCKY,” SYLVESTER STALLONE WOULD ---

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“○○○○” ○○○○ THE ○○○○○○○

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: 1 2 [✓ 3] 4

		4						
6				9		3	8	
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		8		1		4		
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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Wet blanket	114 57 26 152 79 62 168
B. Forward dash	157 118 145 151 78 100
C. Shelflike projections	70 6 139 50 98 123
D. Damage: 2 wds.	41 71 85 120 80 25
E. Synthetic	76 54 87 84 39 167
F. A rebuff	125 116 159 59 83 82 132 140 113
G. Reconsider: 2 wds.	4 103 96 128 163 92 143 156 122
H. Because of: 2 wds.	86 111 55 69 47 40 115 135
I. Attentive	107 144 42 31 64 2 164
J. Recondite	138 35 68 22 126 105 148 95
K. Plod	28 131 65 60 10 101
L. Unaffected; practical	88 124 77 110 20 147
M. Go off in a frenzy: 2 wds.	136 160 63 8 90 32 75
N. Accelerates: 2 wds.	141 45 155 81 127 24
O. Working hard: 3 wds.	154 38 119 18 72 130 49 91
P. More fortunate: 2 wds.	1 12 19 162 53 158 142 14 134
Q. Faithfulness	56 29 109 74 146 166 27
R. One who says 'darn,' not 'damn'	37 165 44 5 51 149 112 66 106
S. Nonsense talk	102 17 46 97 129 33 121
T. 'J'accuse' author	89 137 67 15 94 58 13 11 30
U. Assembles in a bivouac	104 133 61 23 73 150 43
V. TV anchor milieu	52 108 99 153 36 21 48 7
W. Seatless one	161 3 16 9 93 34 117

1 P	2 I	3 W	■	4 G	5 R	6 C	■	7 V	8 M
9 W	10 K	11 T	12 P	■	13 T	14 P	■	15 T	16 W
17 S	18 O	■	19 P	20 L	21 V	22 J	■	23 U	24 N
25 D	26 A	27 Q	■	28 K	29 Q	■	30 T	31 I	32 M
33 S	34 W	35 J	36 V	37 R	38 O	39 E	40 H	■	41 D
42 I	43 U	44 R	45 N	46 S	47 H	48 V	■	49 O	■
50 C	51 R	52 V	53 P	54 E	55 H	56 Q	57 A	58 T	59 F
60 K	■	61 U	62 A	63 M	64 I	65 K	66 R	67 T	68 J
69 H	■	70 C	71 D	72 O	73 U	74 Q	75 M	76 E	77 L
78 B	■	79 A	80 D	81 N	82 F	■	83 F	84 E	85 D
86 H	■	87 E	88 L	89 T	90 M	■	91 O	92 G	■
93 W	94 T	95 J	96 G	97 S	98 C	■	99 V	100 B	101 K
102 S	103 G	104 U	105 J	■	106 R	107 I	108 V	109 Q	■
110 L	111 H	112 R	113 F	114 A	■	115 H	116 F	117 W	118 B
119 O	120 D	121 S	122 G	123 C	■	124 L	125 F	126 J	■
127 N	128 G	129 S	130 O	131 K	132 F	133 U	134 P	135 H	136 M
137 T	138 J	139 C	■	140 F	141 N	■	142 P	143 G	144 I
145 B	146 Q	147 L	■	148 J	149 R	150 U	151 B	152 A	153 V
154 O	155 N	156 G	■	157 B	158 P	■	159 F	160 M	161 W
162 P	■	163 G	164 I	165 R	166 Q	167 E	168 A	■	■

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Variations on a Pome

By Charles Preston

Across

1 Whitefish
8 Gorges
15 Discover
16 Dante or Homer
17 Loophole abuser
18 House leader
19 Sixteenth of a c.
20 Seal
22 Word with book or folk
23 It can be slippery
24 Earned
25 Canard
26 Bridle-path debris
30 Slang
31 Locale of an Eero Saarinen arch
32 Milk processors
34 Pack part
35 Spanish integer
36 Hawks
40 Buttonholes
44 Quintessential women
45 Damon Runyan character
47 Type of whale
48 Kind of oil
49 Avuncular Scot
50 Brow of a hill, to Scots
52 Malay sailboats
54 Talmud Torah subj.
55 Base
57 Morning glories
59 Slave drivers
60 Raises the nap on cloth
61 Dirge writer
62 Conforms

Down

1 ___ Last Stand
2 Rorschach elicitor
3 Of temblors
4 Nitpick
5 Table scrap
6 They precede *automnes*
7 Cocktail makings
8 Lived
9 Nonsense
10 Contest
11 Iron adjunct
12 Premier Bulganin
13 Calabar bean poison
14 Baker and Bourbon
21 Guy's analogue
27 Warren "Baby" ___, of jazz
28 She authored *The Plains of Passage*
29 Grenades
30 Lullaby
33 Pre-Columbian civilization
36 Hanging
37 Good news
38 Madden
39 Thinnest
40 Capital of Kazakhstan
41 Villain, mayhap
42 Souffle's kin
43 Medium
46 ME group
51 Five-time winner at Wimbledon
53 Sought redress
54 Nylons
56 "___ *Mir Bist Du Schon*"
58 Boo balancer

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	■	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15							■	16						
17							■	18						
19				■	20		21			■	22			
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31							■	32		33				
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36	37	38				39	■	40				41	42	43
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47			■	■	48				■	■	■	49		
50			51	■	52				53	■	54			
55				56			■	57		58				
59							■	60						
61							■	62						

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Last week's crosswords

"A CENTURY AGO"

S	A	A	B	S	■	C	A	L	C	■	D	U	E	T	O	■	A	F	B	S
E	L	T	O	N	■	A	L	I	A	■	O	N	E	A	L	■	S	I	L	K
C	O	T	T	O	N	C	L	U	B	■	W	A	L	T	D	I	S	N	E	Y
T	E	N	A	C	I	T	Y	■	F	A	N	G	S	■	T	M	I	N	U	S
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C	A	B	I	N	S	■	G	A	R	B	O	■	A	I	R	L	I	F	T	S
R	E	E	S	E	■	P	E	T	E	R	W	I	M	S	E	Y	■	E	R	A
A	S	S	T	■	C	A	N	T	■	■	■	N	O	E	S	■	F	L	O	G
N	O	S	■	C	O	N	E	Y	I	S	L	A	N	D	■	D	R	I	V	E
E	P	I	C	U	R	E	S	■	R	U	I	N	G	■	C	O	A	X	E	S
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T	U	M	M	Y	■	R	O	B	E	R	T	F	R	O	S	T	■	L	E	E
T	R	I	B	■	S	A	L	E	■	■	■	O	A	R	S	■	S	T	E	W
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R	I	A	L	■	F	A	R	C	E	■	A	O	N	E	■	N	E	A	T	O
R	A	T	E	■	F	R	Y	E	R	■	P	E	S	T	■	E	S	S	E	N

"Down in Front"

G	L	I	B	■	S	I	L	O	■	S	I	G	H	■	S	I	L	V	E	R
O	E	N	O	■	E	N	I	D	■	O	N	M	E	■	A	N	Y	O	N	E
F	O	R	W	A	R	D	E	D	■	C	L	A	N	■	X	F	I	L	E	S
I	N	E	■	W	I	I	S	■	G	I	A	N	N	I	■	I	N	U	R	E
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S	N	E	A	K	■	F	I	E	S	T	A	S	■	V	A	L	L	E	Y	S
T	E	R	R	E	■	E	N	D	■	A	B	A	■	O	L	D	E	■	■	■
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E	L	S	■	N	I	T	S	■	N	A	N	■	R	I	O	S	■	I	R	E
S	K	I	■	S	O	S	O	■	D	O	G	S	■	O	R	E	■	N	E	A
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S	U	N	D	E	C	K	■	D	A	Y	J	O	B	S	■	L	I	B	E	L
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S	E	E	T	H	E	■	I	N	G	E	■	G	E	L	S	■	U	S	E	D

"TV Medley"

F	A	M	E	D	■	A	S	I	S	■	A	S	A	P
E	M	I	L	E	■	C	U	R	T	■	N	I	D	E
M	U	S	I	C	V	I	D	E	O	■	G	M	A	N
U	S	E	■	A	I	D	A	■	C	O	L	U	M	N
R	E	R	U	N	S	■	N	I	C	K	E	L	■	■
■	■	■	B	E	E	T	■	H	A	I	R	C	U	T
L	O	S	E	S	■	S	H	A	D	E	■	A	N	I
I	G	O	R	■	S	E	R	V	O	■	E	S	T	E
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■	■	O	U	N	C	E	S	■	I	N	T	E	R	N
W	A	P	I	T	I	■	T	O	R	E	■	R	E	G
A	B	E	T	■	P	A	Y	P	E	R	V	I	E	W
D	U	R	O	■	U	C	L	A	■	A	I	S	L	E
S	T	A	R	■	T	E	I	L	■	L	E	A	S	E

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Lauren) COLLINS: IDENTITY CRISIS: There may be stricter and clearer criteria for naming dogs and horses than there are for naming people. More than six hundred Americans answer to Ikea. There are babies named Moo, Charger, Blip and Cheese.

Last week's Sudoku

6	4	5	7	9	1	2	8	3
9	2	1	8	3	6	5	4	7
3	8	7	4	2	5	1	6	9
7	6	9	5	1	3	8	2	4
8	1	2	9	7	4	3	5	6
5	3	4	2	6	8	7	9	1
2	7	8	3	4	9	6	1	5
4	5	6	1	8	7	9	3	2
1	9	3	6	5	2	4	7	8

This week's Jumble

MAYHEM NINETY UNWISE
PSYCHE HARBOR MARVEL

When things didn't go right during the filming of "Rocky," Sylvester Stallone would —

"ROLE" WITH THE PUNCHES

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Interactive puzzles and games

Crossword

■	1	2	3	■	4	5	6	7	8	■	9	10	11	12
13				■	14					■	15			
16				■	17					18				
19			■	20					■	21				
■	■	22	23				■	■	24			■	■	■
25	26					■	■	27				28	29	■
30					■	31	32				■	33		34
35				■	36					■	37			
38			■	39					■	40				
■	41		42				■	■	43					
■	■	■	44			■	■	45					■	■
46	47	48			■	49	50				■	51	52	53
54					55					■	56			
57				■	58					■	59			
60				■	61					■	62			■

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ACROSS

1 Cruise or Hanks
4 Colorful parrot
9 "Be __ as it may…"
13 Partial amount
14 Unaccompanied
15 Bum
16 __ at; insinuate
17 Defamatory; disparaging
19 "The Book of __"; film for Denzel
20 Swimming spots
21 Divisions; fissures
22 Fake
24 DeSantis or Whitmer: abbr.
25 Responses to corny jokes
27 Not at all boastful
30 Bonkers
31 Investigate
33 Below __; substandard
35 King Kong's kin
36 Isle of __; resort near Naples
37 Greek letter
38 Bill denomination
39 Snail's trail
40 Friendlier
41 Engraver
43 All grown up
44 Buffoon
45 Clothing tag
46 Thin leather strip
49 Punches
51 Curved band
54 Introducing
56 Pierce
57 Family tree member
58 Fundraising game
59 Cribbage pieces
60 NBA team
61 Toothpaste brand
62 Pack animal

DOWN

1 Hard work
2 All-powerful
3 Gathered together
4 Bricklayers
5 Metal mixture
6 Snowman's eye
7 Curry & Landers
8 Gave up the single life
9 Flourish
10 Dobbin's foot
11 Share a border with
12 Fling
13 "Murder, __ Wrote"
18 Chip away at
20 Petting zoo animal
23 Bowlers & miters
24 Asian desert
25 Small fly
26 Mumbai money
27 "The __, the merrier"
28 Makes a risky investment
29 __ tots; crispy side dish
31 Couple of kings, e.g.
32 Record speed letters
34 Steak lover's preference
36 Treble __
37 Nibble or gnaw
39 Square or circle
40 Arrests
42 Seashores
43 Disgusting larva
45 Chest organs
46 Reach from end to end
47 "__ Grit"; John Wayne film
48 Monthly expense
49 Begin to wake up
50 Out of __; misbehaving
52 Car wash supplies
53 "S.W.A.T." network
55 TV's "Dateline __"
56 Bath with seats

Solutions

■	T	O	M	■	M	A	C	A	W	■	T	H	A	T
S	O	M	E	■	A	L	O	N	E	■	H	O	B	O
H	I	N	T	■	S	L	A	N	D	E	R	O	U	S
E	L	I	■	P	O	O	L	S	■	R	I	F	T	S
■	■	P	H	O	N	Y	■	■	G	O	V	■	■	■
G	R	O	A	N	S	■	■	M	O	D	E	S	T	■
N	U	T	T	Y	■	P	R	O	B	E	■	P	A	R
A	P	E	S	■	C	A	P	R	I	■	B	E	T	A
T	E	N	■	S	L	I	M	E	■	N	I	C	E	R
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S	T	R	A	P	■	S	L	U	G	S	■	A	R	C
P	R	E	S	E	N	T	I	N	G	■	S	T	A	B
A	U	N	T	■	B	I	N	G	O	■	P	E	G	S
N	E	T	S	■	C	R	E	S	T	■	A	S	S	■

Rob Lindley plays the title artist in the Northlight Theatre production of “Andy Warhol in Iran” Jan. 19-Feb. 19 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. **JEFF KURYSZ**

‘Andy Warhol in Iran’ explores artist’s experience with a revolution

By Myrna Petlicki

Pop artist Andy Warhol traveled to Iran in 1976 to photograph the Shah’s wife so he could paint her portrait. It turns out to be an eye-opening experience when Warhol encounters a young revolutionary in “Andy Warhol in Iran.”

Northlight Theatre is producing the second staging of Brent Askari’s play Jan. 19-Feb. 19 under the direction of Northlight’s Artistic Director BJ Jones at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Performances are 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays; 7 p.m. Jan. 22; and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24. There is no show at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

“I didn’t know Andy Warhol went to Iran,” Jones admitted. He became more intrigued after he read the script.

“I thought it was fascinating, especially because the structure of the play is not necessarily linear,” he noted. “It’s direct address. It breaks the fourth wall. It’s very theatrical and that’s what Andy was himself with the wig and the glasses and the performative clothing and amazing self-marketing that he did. He wholly created himself and that perhaps was his greatest work of art.”

‘ANDY WARHOL IN IRAN’

When: Jan. 19-26 (previews); Jan. 27-Feb. 19 (regular run)
Where: Northlight Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd.
Tickets: $30-$89; $15 student tickets
Information: 847-673-6300; northlight.org

Jones was convinced that the Northlight audiences would love the show.

He initially decided to direct the show because of some similarities between his background and that of Warhol but that decision was cemented because he believes the play is even more relevant now “with what’s going on in Iran,” Jones said.

The director chose award-winning actor Rob Lindley to play the title role because, “spiritually, artistically and personally, he is aligned with Andy Warhol and that era of artists,” Jones explained.

“I’ve always had a fascination for the Pop Art era,” Lindley agreed. “I grew up knowing who Andy Warhol is, which isn’t something we can say about a lot of our artists that we know and love. When I read the script, I was really excited for the chance to play such an iconic artist.”

Lindley, who praised the script, has been digging deep in preparation for this role. That includes watching the documentary “The Andy Warhol Diaries” and every available interview of Warhol. In addition, Lindley reported, “this fall when I had a little break from other projects, I drove to Pittsburgh and spent a whole day at the Andy Warhol Museum.”

In analyzing the other aspect of this play, Lindley decided that “Andy went to Iran I don’t think understanding the political implications of him taking Polaroids of the Empress,” he said. “He got criticized by The Village Voice and by protesters for doing these portraits.”

Likewise, Lindley admitted that he didn’t know much about the revolutions that have been happening in Iran up to the current time.

He credits his co-star Hamid Dehghani, who plays the revolutionary Farhad and was born and raised in Iran, for helping him understand the political climate in that country.

Lindley noted that the play has Warhol thinking that the repetition in his paintings is similar to the way that revolutions keep happening. “It really brings all of it to the here and now,” Lindley concluded.

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

MORE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Here are some other events occurring the week of Jan. 19-25 in the Pioneer Press and Doings suburbs.

Two slick stories

Disney On Ice presents ice skaters enacting two family-favorite stories in “Frozen & Encanto.” Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; Jan. 19-22 and Feb. 2-5 at Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Tickets: $25-$80. At 6920 N. Mannheim Road. 847-635-6601; disneyonice.com.

Town shall remain nameless

Oil Lamp Theater presents a tale of falling in and out of love in a town so disorganized that it goes by the name “Almost, Maine” Jan. 19-Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays in Glenview. Tickets are $30-$45. At 1723 Glenview Road. 847-834-0738; oillamptheater.org.

Going for Baroque

Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Montero will perform Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 21 with Music of the Baroque for “Montero Plays Mozart” at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Tickets are $48-$100. At 9501 Skokie Blvd. 847-673-6300; northshorecenter.org.

All that jazz

The Joe Policastro Trio will present “A Jazz Tribute to West Side Story” at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at FitzGerald’s Sidebar in Berwyn. Tickets are free but reservations are accepted. At 6615 Roosevelt Road. 708-788-2118; fitzgeraldsnightclub.com.

— *Myrna Petlicki*

FELD ENTERTAINMENT

Listings are subject to change.
Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, Jan. 19

3D Design with Tinkercad: 4-5 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Learn to create and print 3D designs with Tinkercad.

Dating Over 50: 6-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Dating, at any age, can be daunting. Enjoy a night of information and conversation. Step outside of your comfort zone, learn something new or about yourself. Mingle with people of similar interests.

DIY Together--Acrylic Pouring: 1-3:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. It's time to get together and do some Acrylic Pouring. In this hands-on workshop, attendees create abstract images through the art of pouring paint onto a canvas. Wear clothing you don't mind getting a little paint on. Supplies are provided.

Introduction to the Windows Computer (7-Week Course): 10-11:30 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This seven-week course teaches you the components of a computer, how to use a mouse, Windows desktop, introduction to applications, files and folders, and using the Internet. Class content is sequential and requires a seven-week commitment. Presented by the People's Resource Center.

Adult Book Discussion-- "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell: 1-2:15 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This historical fiction novel, set in 16th century Stratford-upon-Avon, has the author speculating on the origin of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet." It is a Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction & the Women's Prize for Fiction. Register for live in-person or virtual on Zoom.

In Pursuit of Happiness--Immigrants in Our Communities: 1-5 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 833-1457. elmhursthistory.org. This exhibit examines the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Gain an understanding about DuPage County's growing diversity and the challenges faced by immigrants in the U.S.

On The Cutting Edge--Contemporary Gemstones Sculpture: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Rd., Oak Brook. $5 - $10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. Featuring ten lapidary artists from the Americas representing gem carving trends in the 21st century. Regular Museum Admission – Regular Museum Hours.

Toddler Time, Ages 18 months-3 years: 10-10:30 a.m. River Forest Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. For ages 18 months-3 years with caregiver to join in for stories, music, and movement. Children under age 5 must be in the immediate supervising vicinity of a caregiver at all times while at the library.

Friday, Jan. 20

Create and Sip: 6-8:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is an IPPL cardholder exclusive for those 21 or over to register. An after-hours program, with doors open at 6 p.m. for entry, which close promptly at 6:30 p.m. Grab a drink on us, and get creative in the Maker Studio. Materials and instruction are provided.

Family Story Time and Play, Ages 0-6: 10-11 a.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Avenue, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Join library staff for stories and songs, then stay and play and make new friends! This fun story time and play is for kids ages birth through 6 with a caregiver. Please plan to be engaged with your child during this program.

Film Lovers Friday: 12-2:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Avenue, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Join other movie lovers on the third Friday of every month to watch great classic films. This season we're keeping it local with films set in Chicago!

Saturday, Jan. 21

Craft Supply Swap: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Clarendon Hills Public Library, 7 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills. Free. (630) 323-8188. clarendonhillslibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. Refresh your craft supply collection at the Clarendon Hills Library's Craft Supply Swap. Drop off unneeded craft supplies to the library from 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, and from 9:30 a.m.-noon on Friday, Jan. 20.

Preschool Fair: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. If you are looking for a quality preschool or daycare in the area--drop by this event. You may chat with representatives from local schools to find the right fit for your child.

Celebrate Chinese New Year: 2-3 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. Listen to a traditional Chinese folktale about the New Year, and make a lantern with help from York High School's Chinese Club. This program is live in-person, and registration is not required.

Carved Gems--Inspiration & Expertise: 2-3 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220 Kensington Rd., Oak Brook. $5 - $10. (630) 833-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. This live Zoom lecture is recommended for teens and adults with Special Exhibit artist Helen Serras-Herman. She shares her journey from sculptor to gem sculpture, her influences, and sources for inspiration. She shows step-by-step the necessary tools for gem carving. Join in-person or through Zoom.

Sunday, Jan. 22

Family Open Gym: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Churchville Middle School, 155 Victory Parkway, Elmhurst. Free. (630) 993-8900. epd.org. Get your game on and play with the whole family this winter at FREE Family Open Gym. Sundays, through March 5. This is not a drop-off program, a guardian must remain with children at all times.

Kids' Chess Club: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Learn the basics of chess with an instructor. Then use your skills with other players. Beginners are welcome.

Global Film Forum: 2-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Enjoy cinema from around the world, in the company of fellow global film fans.

Monday, Jan. 23

Basket Weaving: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Learn how to weave a basket. All materials are provided.

Beeswax Candles: 6-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Learn how to make hand-rolled beeswax candles. They make a great gift or a treat for yourself.

Creative Card Making--Valentine's Day: 12-1:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Join in for step-by-step instructions to create cards for Valentine's Day.

Hybrid Gentle Mat Yoga: 1-2 p.m. Elmwood Park Public Library, 1 Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Free. (708) 453-7645. il.evanced.info. This class involves gentle stretching with some standing, sitting and lying down poses. Learn about your body and breathing, while focusing on flexibility and the relaxation of body and mind. This is a hybrid program, so attendees can join in person or remotely via Zoom. Sign up today!

Decoding the Mysteries of Cats: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. People with cat behavior challenges often have few places to turn. Join on Zoom for your chance to learn about ways to live with and enjoy your cat with Feline Behaviorist Stephen Quandt. Find the Zoom link at wp.me/pbFvB5-12oQ.

Bingo Mondays: 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 1941, 900 s. La Grange Rd, La Grange. $15. (708) 354-3300. al1941.org. Bingo is back! Monday Nights at the La Grange American Legion Post 1941. Doors open at 6 p.m.; Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Raffle Games & Pull Tabs. $10,000 Progressive JACKPOT Game. Cost $15 for 10 games. Bring your group. Bar open, drinks/snacks.

Organized Crime in Chicago During Prohibition: 1:15-2:15 p.m. The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Free. 708-386-2729, ext. 2. nineteenthcentury.org. Author and historian John Binder discusses organized crime in Chicago during Prohibition — from the decades before 1920 to the repeal of the Dry Law in 1933. He will focus on Chicago's bootlegging gangs and examine how the Capone gang gained control.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Sears Catalog Homes of Chicago: 7-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. From 1908 to 1942, Sears Roebuck & Co. sold ready-to-build kit homes. Despite the rash of tear downs in the Chicago area, some of these houses still remain. Presenter Lara Solonickne explains what a Sears house is (and what it isn't) how to authenticate one, and common misconceptions about them.

James Webb Telescope--What's Up?: 7-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup.

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Learn about this amazing piece of equipment and what it's currently finding in the universe. This program is live in-person, and registration is required.

Cozy Mystery Book Club--Winter Study: 7-8 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. Join us each month for a virtual book discussion to talk about cozy mysteries. This month's book is Winter Study by Nevada Barr. Find the Zoom link at wp.me/pbFvB5-12oX

Middle School Makers, Grades 5-8: 3:30-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Middle Schoolers are invited to join in every Tuesday to create something new. This is sponsored by OPRF Youth Services.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Introduction to Vinyl Cutting - WaitList Available: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Registration is required. There are no seats available but a waiting list is available. Our experts will guide you through creating an easy design in the Cricut Design Space software and how to find thousands of designs online. We will then show you how to transfer and cut your design using the Silhouette.

Online--Chair Yoga: 1-2 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Dancing Cranes Yoga teaches this chair yoga class, which provides an enjoyable opportunity for adults to improve flexibility. This program will be held online via Zoom. You will receive an email with the Zoom information three hours before the program begins.

Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft, Scams, and Elder Abuse - Session 1: 10-11 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This educational lecture covers what identity theft is, how it happens, prevention, and actions to take after it has been stolen. It also covers the types of scams, situations to avoid, at-risk activities, targets, and perpetrator's intentions.

Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft, Scams, and Elder Abuse - Session 2: 6-7 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. If you missed the 1st session, join this 2nd lecture on protecting seniors. This educational lecture covers: what identity theft is, how it happens, prevention, & actions to take after it has been stolen; & types of scams, situations to avoid, at-risk activities, targets, & perpetrator's intentions.

Rollick and Roll: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. For children of all ages with an adult. Join in for music, movement, and fun! Registration is required.

Georgia O'Keeffe--The Inspiration of Nature (Virtual): 7-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. In this living-history performance, historian Leslie Goddard, PhD., portrays Georgia O'Keeffe, the artist & modernist. As O'Keeffe reflects on her life, she discusses her closeness to flowers, nature, & the landscape around her homes in New Mexico. Offered live via Zoom. Also, some seats in-person.

Monet-inspired Haystacks: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Create your own Impressionist-inspired artwork. Use pastels to mimic the painting techniques used by Monet in his Stacks at Giverny series.

English Conversation Hour: 2-3 p.m. Elmwood Park Public Library, 1 Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Free. (708) 453-7645. il.evanced.info. Practice your English language skills with this hour of guided conversation. This program is for those who have basic English skills already. No sign-up required!

Camp Fire Tales Club--Flyaway: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. Escape the ordinary with monthly discussions of science fiction, fantasy, and horror novellas. This month's book is Flyaway by Kathleen Jennings. Save your seats at https://wp.me/pbFvB5-12pW.

Crochet Along--Bowl Cozy: 3-4:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.org. If you enjoy crochet, and you are interested in learning new stitches or sharing your knowledge–join in for our virtual crochet-a-long. Find the Zoom link at eisenhowerlibrary.org/tag/crochet-along.

"A Chorus Line" — Jan. 25-March 19: 1:30 p.m. Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Ln, Oakbrook Terrace. $82 - $87. drurylanetheatre.com. A backstage look at the intimate lives of dancers auditioning for a Broadway chorus, this features memorable numbers including "What I Did for Love." The rated PG musical won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Score, and four Drama Desk Awards.

Junior Justice League : 3:30-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Join us for a service-oriented program just for tweens! Each month we will dedicate our time and talents to helping a different service organization.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Genealogy Club--Share Your Research: 1-3 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. The Indian Prairie Genealogical Group presents monthly programs for people interested in genealogical research and family history. Local genealogists share their tips on doing research. What have you been researching over the past year? Bring your stories, your questions, and we'll talk.

Mug Press Designs - WaitList Available: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. There are no seats available for Mud Press designs, but a waiting list is available.

Self Care for Busy People: 7-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Bring balance to your life with self-care practices from yoga teacher, busy mom, and author Julie M.Gentile. Julie shares how to start now and daily include: journaling, an everyday meditation, a grounding breathing exercise, and other practical self-care practices for mind, body and spirit.

Skill Up DuPage (Virtual): 10:30-11:30 a.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. From entry to executive levels, learn how workNet DuPage Career Center can help (re)start your career through training and job search support. This program is live on Zoom. Register to receive the information to join. A limited number of seats are available in-person at the library.

Friday, Jan. 27

Winter Science: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is an IPPL cardholder exclusive, for families with children 7 and under. Learn how polar bears stay warm, play with light and shadow, and more at this STEM program that explores the wonders of winter.

Friday Features--Gigi and Nate: 2-4 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. Enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Live in-person. No registration required.

Bring Your Own Book Club: 3:30-5 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. eisenhowerlibrary.org. Our BYO Book Club is going back online! Have a favorite book or two (or four) you'd like to share with fellow readers and librarians? Drop into our virtual book club to tell us about them! Find the link to join us on Zoom at eisenhowerlibrary.org/category/clubs.

"The Moment!": 7:30-9 p.m. Madison Street Theatre, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. $25. (708) 634-5700. madisonstreettheater.org. Come see "The Moment!" — an edgy, gritty musical about struggling with changes in life — at Madison Street Theater on Jan. 27 or 28 at 7:30p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Volunteer Fair: 10 a.m.-noon. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Do you have spare time? Are you looking for ways to be active in your community? If so, then stop by the Volunteer Fair to find something that sparks your passion. Teens, adults, families and retirees can connect with local organizations to learn more about their volunteer opportunities.

Crafting for Canines: 1:30-3 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. Make dog toys to donate to a shelter. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Elsa, a therapy dog, will be there to test the dog toys. Presented with Paws 4 Kids 4 Paws.

International LEGO Day: 2-3:30 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. Whether you're a master builder or a builder-in-training, everything is awesome with LEGO! Try our building challenges or think up your own. Just drop in for this live, in-person program. No registration required.

BookStories Film Series — "Notting Hill": 2:30 p.m. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N Oketo Ave, Harwood Heights. Free. (708) 867-7828. wp.me. This winter we're celebrating books, bookstores and libraries with a series of screenings of films highlighting bookstores. Today we'll watch "Notting Hill" with Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts. Save your seats at wp.me/pbFvB5-12m5.

West Suburban Lapidary Club: 1-3 p.m. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 1220

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Kensington Rd., Oak Brook. $5-$10. (630) 883-1616. lizzadromuseum.org. For teens to adults who are interested in the lapidary arts to find out more at the WSLC meetings at the museum. Each month expect presentations, demonstrations and info on cutting and polishing stones! Programs are announced. Club meetings are at 1 p.m.; programs at 2 p.m. Register at the website.

Ladama: 7:30 p.m. Lund Auditorium, 7900 W. Division St., River Forest. $28-$43. This ensemble of women are sisters in song, rhythm and spirit. Harnessing music from their respective countries of origin, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, and the U.S., the group utilizes traditional and non-traditional instruments, but with a modern twist to produce Latin Alternative music.

Teen Volunteer Hour: noon-1 p.m. Westmont Public Library, 428 N. Cass Ave., Westmont. westmont.librarycalendar.com. Earn a volunteer hour by helping librarians clean toys.

Sunday, Jan. 29

How the World Arrived on Lake Michigan's Shores : 2-3 p.m. Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst. Free. (630) 833-1457. elmhursthistory.org. Join author and College of DuPage professor of history Sam Mitrani to learn why so many immigrants were attracted to Chicago and how these successive waves of immigrants have shaped and been shaped by the region. View the In Pursuit of Happiness exhibit in the museum before or after the program.

Monday, Jan. 30

5 Steps to Self-Defense: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. We are excited to team up with Lindsey Daehnke, founder and lead instructor at Strictly Self-Defense. Lindsey discusses self-defense including bystander intervention. Waiver completion is required prior to attending this program. The waiver link will be emailed to those who successfully register.

Fisher-Price--Celebrating Over 80 Years of Fun (In-Person): 7-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. Discover the history of Fisher-Price from its start in 1931, and learn how the business evolved to stay successful and remain one of the top toy companies today. This program is live in-person, or register to attend virtually on Zoom.

Edith--The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick: 1:15-2:15 p.m. The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association , 178 Forest Avenue, Oak Park. Free. 708-386-2729 ext. 2. nineteenthcentury.org. Meet Edith Rockefeller McCormick, brought to life by historical interpreter Ellie Carlson and biographer Andrea Friederici Ross. Edith was an unusual woman: fiercely intellectual, unapologetically opinionated, and often prickly.

Animal Crossing: 3:30-4:30 p.m. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave, River Forest. Free. (708) 366-5205. riverforestlibrary.librarymarket.com. Calling all Villagers! Book your flight with Dodo Airlines to share your tips and tricks to create our Library island.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Intro to Aromatherapy Blending: 6:30-8 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This is an IPPL cardholder exclusive. Explore the art and science of creating essential oil blends! Uncover what essential oils are and what they are not, plus the history, production, and safety of oils. Each patron walks away with a free roller made in class. Registration is required.

iPhone/iPad Basics (2-Session Class): 2-3:30 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. This program is an IPPL cardholder exclusive. Learn to navigate the home screen, manage apps, and device settings, and browse the internet. This is a two-session class and participants must be able to attend both sessions. Bring your own device, Apple ID, and password.

Intro to Drawing: 6:30-8 p.m. Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. (630) 279-8696. elmhurstpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup. This program is live in-person, and registration with an EPL card is required. Jump-start your art! After an overview of traditional pencil techniques and basic drawing materials, try your hand at drawing a still life, and get feedback on your masterpiece. All supplies provided.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Book Scouts Drop-In: 4-5 p.m. Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Rd, Darien. (630) 887-8760. ippl.libcal.com. Drop in to scout out some of our newest junior novels. We'll listen to some quick book talks, have snacks and have optional activities to participate in. If a book sounds like a good read, you can check it out and take it home with you.

Have an event to submit? Please go to chicagotribune.com/thingstodo.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Too much of medication for Graves' disease has ill effects

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

One reader with Graves' disease experienced a hard time getting going in the morning due to fatigue. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I feel like I am walking a tightrope between hyper- and hypothyroidism. I was diagnosed with Graves' disease because my thyroid went into overdrive. I lost a lot of weight, developed a tremor and I had to take metoprolol for my rapid heart rate.

My thyroid doctor prescribed methimazole to calm the thyroid down. Now, I am gaining weight and my heart rate is slow. I have a hard time getting going in the morning, not to mention I can fall asleep for a midday nap given half a chance. Could the medicine be suppressing my thyroid too much?

A: Graves' disease is an autoimmune condition in which the thyroid gland produces too much hormone. Symptoms can include palpitations, nervousness, fatigue, elevated blood pressure and heart rate, hair thinning, weight loss and insomnia.

Methimazole interferes with the production of T4 and T3 thyroid hormones. Too much medication could result in inadequate thyroid hormone. Weight gain, slow heart rate and fatigue are typical of hypothyroidism.

Ask your physician about testing your thyroid hormone levels. Your dose of methimazole might need adjustment.

Q: Somehow, I never contracted COVID-19, but I did get all the shots and boosters. Since receiving my first vaccine, the cold sores that I used to get on my lips two to four times a year for the past 30 years have completely vanished.

So have my plantar warts, which I've had for even longer. They resisted multiple treatments, including surgical removal. Now they are gone. Is my experience unique?

A: Shortly after people started getting COVID-19 vaccinations, some began reporting that they'd had long-lasting warts disappear. There are some case reports in the medical literature (JAAD Case Reports, January 2023).

Another reader had a different experience: "I just got over COVID, for which I took Paxlovid for three days. I now see that all my warts are gone!

"That is the only positive thing that came out of the illness. I had two vaccines and a booster in the past year, which didn't faze the warts."

But we also discovered a number of case reports that COVID-19 vaccination had reactivated herpes simplex eye infections (Ocular Immunology and Inflammation, July 2022).

Q: I was taking high doses of ibuprofen for spine and leg pain. My blood pressure was high, so my doctor prescribed BP medications. He added one after another without any obvious improvement. We were both frustrated.

I finally tried going without ibuprofen, and my BP fell to normal. I started breaking my BP pills in half, and my BP stayed low, even under stressful conditions.

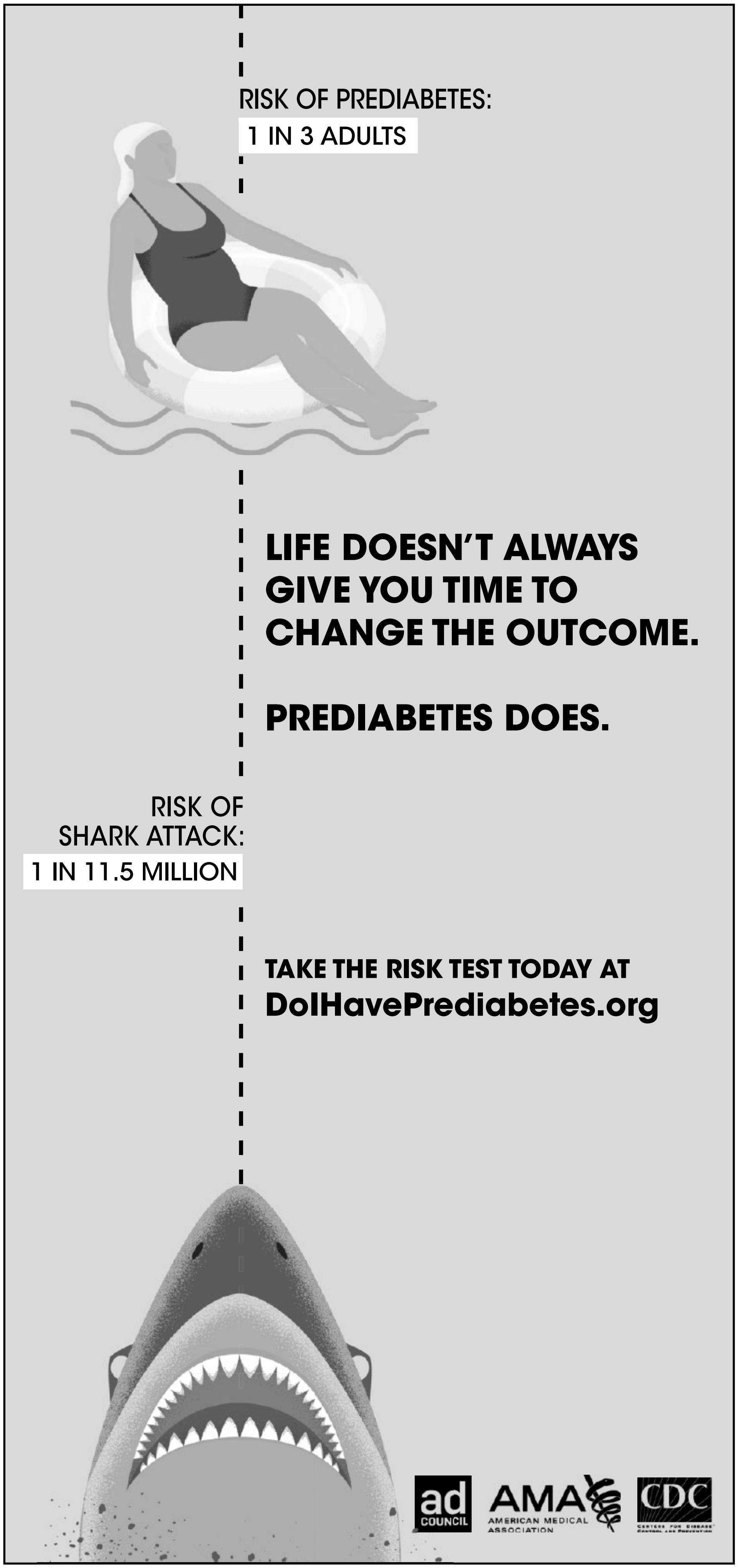
I recommend that if you have stubbornly high blood pressure and take ibuprofen, stop it for a few weeks and check your BP.

You might have heard that the increased blood pressure due to using this type of pain reliever is no big deal. I am proof it can be impressive.

If you take a lot of ibuprofen and have high BP, don't take more BP meds. Instead, stop the pain reliever for a few weeks and check your numbers.

A: Thank you for sharing your story. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as celecoxib, diclofenac, ibuprofen, naproxen and meloxicam all can raise blood pressure (BMC Cardiovascular Disorders, Oct. 24, 2012). Some people, like you, may be sensitive to this effect.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.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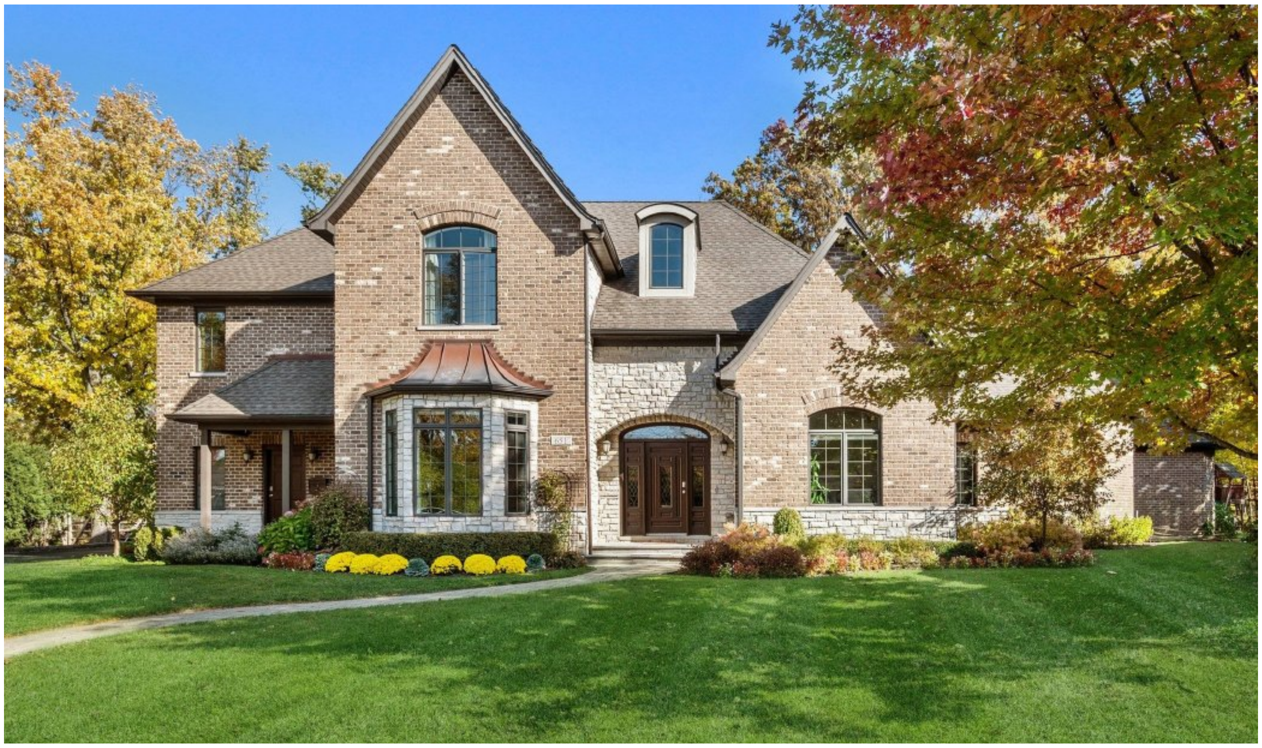

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Price: $1,675,000
Listed: Jan. 9, 2023

This six-bedroom, two-story home has four full bathrooms and two half-baths, a kitchen with double ovens and is solar panel-equipped. The kitchen also has a Sub-Zero refrigerator, granite countertops and a breakfast bar. Near the kitchen on the first floor is a family room with a gas fireplace and high ceilings. The four bedrooms on the second level each have walk-in closets and Jack and Jill-style bathrooms. A basement completes this home, which also contains an exercise room, office space, an additional bedroom and a full wet bar.

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